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Total W.Bank strike marks 6th Land Day

TEL AVIV, March 30 (Agencies) — Israeli troops fired on demonstrating Palestinians on the West Bank Tuesday and a hand grenade exploded in west Jerusalem as hundreds of thousands of Arabs in Israel itself were observing the sixth anniversary of Land Day when six Arabs were killed during rioting over confiscation of their land.

The one-day strike shut down the whole of the West Bank and Israeli occupation forces said two Israeli soldiers were injured in stone-throwing by Arabs in the Kalandiya refugee camp near Ramallah. Several Arabs have been arrested.

The work stoppage, for the past 12 days, is also to protest the Israeli dismissal of three mayors supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Security sources said that the West Bank workers stayed at home and schools and shops were closed.

Eyewitnesses reported that in the northern town of Jenin, soldiers tried to break the strike by forcing open stores.

In Galilee, roads were blocked with burning tires and a Palestinian flag was hoisted in the village of Bakka El-Jarbiya. In the predominantly Arab town Nazareth, the mayor's wife, Mrs. Zaid, was arrested for incitement but released after a few hours, security sources said. They also reported that 20 Palestinians were being held in Nablus.

Eyewitnesses said Arabs staged a massive protest rally in the central Israeli village of Taibeh, where the strike was virtually total. Chanting Palestinian nationalist slogans, they marched peacefully, but later police said 10 Arabs were arrested for throwing stones and inciting violence. Deputy Inspector Yoram Nir told the Associated Press by telephone that six policemen and five Arabs were hurt in a violent protest in Jaljulya, 13 kms south of here.

Nir said 18 Arabs were arrested at Jaljulya, and 10 were taken into custody at nearby Kfar Qassem for blocking the road, burning tires and throwing stones.

Shops, schools and offices in west Beirut and other parts of Lebanon were closed Tuesday in response to a Palestinian-Lebanese nationalist call for a general strike to mark "Land Day". Similar protests have been announced in Syria and Jordan. This year the Palestinians and their allies are using the occasion to express solidarity with the people of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where eight Arabs have been shot dead in recent clashes with Israeli occupation forces.

Shops and offices observed the strike call in west Beirut, though government offices were open.

In Amman, a Jordanian minister Tuesday reiterated an official warning to prosecute and impose mandatory death sentences on any citizen of the Israeli occupied West Bank cooperating with the Israeli administration.

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Columbia returns home one day late

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, New Mexico, March 30 (AP) — The U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* returned home to a calm harbor Tuesday, diving through earth atmosphere to a pinpoint landing on the sparkling desert sands of Northrup strip. The landing was one day late. "This is really a great flying machine," Jack Lousma said as he flew over southern California en route over three states to this supersecret military base.

At touchdown, the nose rose a bit and then settled smoothly on the gypsum floor. With Lousma in command and Gordon Fullerton beside him, the winged shuttle slapped wheels to sand at 1605 GMT. Monday, *Columbia* was blocked from landing here by a fierce sandstorm. "Welcome home, that was a beautiful job," mission control said.

Tuesday, the air was clear, winds calm, spirits high. Approach was accompanied by a

pair of dull sonic booms. For Lousma and Fullerton it was a perfect ending for *Columbia*'s next-to-last test flight. For eight days they had put the craft to its most rigorous tests and, except for nagging technical problems, it responded beautifully.

The spaceship settled onto Runway 17, a 11-kilometer strip laid out in a barren-but beautiful desert setting. The astronauts had no trouble spotting their target from the air — 260 square kms of white gypsum surrounding the landing zone. The spaceship swung right over a nearby mountain range and settled with a gentle thump.

Because of the possibility of continuing highwinds, mission control had maintained an option to order another postponement and direct the ship to an alternate landing on a concrete runway at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Arab investment debated

By Ahmad Kamal Khuro Arab News Staff

TAIF, March 30 — The highest-ever convention of Arab businessmen and government officials got to a rousing start when it was formally opened by governor of Makkah, Prince Majed bin Abdul Aziz, at the Massarah Hotel here Tuesday. The governor said the convention was a good opportunity to create a better climate of understanding spurring them to greater achievements in commerce and industry.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Zamil deputizing for Minister of Commerce Solaiman Al Solaim, outlined the aims and objectives of the convention. He said the first sessions would be devoted to examining the legal framework governing investments in the Arab World on a country-by-country basis.

In the morning deliberations, the 600-odd participants were treated to presentations of a technical nature by representatives of the three bodies jointly holding the conference—the Arab League, Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce, and the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation.

Before throwing open the deliberations to a question-and-answer session between investors and government officials overseeing such investment activities, Abdul Hassan Zalzalab, assistant secretary — general

of the Arab League for economic affairs, Dr. Elias T. Gbantus, and Saeed Burhan Al-Di Jani, president of the Union of Arab Chambers, gave a broad review of the rules pertaining to investment in the Arab world. While examining the investment climate in the region, he also dwelt on what was expected of the private Arab businessmen entering the field.

The evening sessions were devoted to a dialogue between government officials including heads of investment institutions, and Arab businessmen who have already placed their chips on development projects in Arab countries and those interested in doing so.

Later discussions will focus on investment opportunities in some of the most promising countries where it could go to work in fruitful way. Toward this end, convention organizers have chosen six countries to describe their experiences on investment. The countries are: Somalia, Yemen, Morocco, Jordan, Tunisia, and Sudan. Presumably the government officials of these countries will describe in some detail the liberal laws governing investment and the facilities they have to offer by way of resources, technical manpower and infrastructure.

Explaining the rationale behind the convention one of the organizers, Gbantus, told *Arab News* that the time has come to go

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Schmidt hails accord EEC agrees on job plan

BRUSSELS, March 30 (Agencies) — European Common Market leaders ended a summit Tuesday with agreement to coordinate industrial investment and their fight against unemployment. West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, speaking after the end of the two-day Brussels meeting, described the agreement as a good compromise.

It bridged a gap between those who wanted to spend Western Europe out of recession and those who wanted to hold back public spending for fear of rekindling inflation, he said. In particular, the European Economic Community (EEC) leaders announced plans to guarantee all school leavers progressively over the next five years the chance of job-training as an alternative to joining lengthening queues.

"Everyone knows there are no patent recipes," Schmidt told a news conference. But he said that the EEC was going through difficult times and the 10 member states needed to act together.

West Germany, backed mainly by Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands, continued to argue that monetary stability and the fight against inflation are the best ways of giving business the confidence to invest. France and Denmark put the emphasis on economic recovery.

On foreign affairs, the summit agreed to

present a joint attitude toward the U.S. and Japan at the summit of industrialized countries to be held at Versailles, outside Paris, in June. They agreed to urge the U.S. to lower its interest rates, but Germany and Britain remained sceptical about the usefulness of such a move by the EEC.

They also repeated their insistence that Japan should make its market more open to European exports, but Germany made it clear that it does not favor economic sanctions against Japan while noting that Japan's industry has scored through high performance and innovation.

The summit agreed on the need to boost the European Monetary System (EMS) of community currencies excepting sterling and the drachma.

On Poland, the leaders said they would continue to study credit policy toward East bloc countries. They also reacted angrily to attempts by the Polish martial law government to silence the Solidarity independent trade movement permanently by forcing its detained leaders to emigrate.

King receives ulema

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — King Khaled received the ulema and other citizens at an open meeting here Tuesday as he does every week.

'For defensive reasons' Iraq army retreats from major front

PARIS, March 30 (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Tuesday ordered the Fourth Brigade of his army to retreat from the central sector of the Iran-Iraq battlefield "for defensive reasons" after 18 months of fighting.

In a message to the Brigade, reported by the Iraqi News Agency INA monitored here, President Hussein told the troops to "feel no bitterness over voluntarily abandoning territory ... which we had no intention of keeping and occupied for defensive purposes alone."

The decision — "which will not affect Iraq's determination to pursue the combats imposed on it by Iran" — was taken, he said, after the Fourth Brigade's attacks had "succeeded in halting the Iranian offensive."

He warned the troops that this decision would be interpreted by Iran as "a great victory" in the war, "although Iranian losses are very heavy and that Iranian troops are still fighting on their own territory." He said Iraqi troops still held five Iranian towns and many others were "within Iraqi artillery range."

Iran has announced a major offensive in the Shush-Dezful sector in Western Iran and claims it has recaptured Iranian territory previously occupied by Iraqi troops.

Tehran radio, monitored in London, said Iranian forces had smashed three Iraqi divisions and recaptured more than 2,000 square kms of territory in its offensive in areas around the city of Dezful. The Iranian news agency IRNA said about 15,000 Iraqis had been captured in the three-stage offensive, which began eight days ago and which it described as the biggest military push in the 18-month-old Gulf war.

Tehran radio quoted a military communique as saying that 660 tanks and armored personnel carriers had been destroyed. A further 165 artillery pieces, several SAM missiles, and a few ground-to-ground missiles had been captured, it said. It added that the Abu Qarib oil wells, which it described among the biggest in Khuzestan, has been recaptured.

Meanwhile, *The Washington Post* quoted intelligence reports reaching the U.S. capital as saying that Iranian troops had smashed three Iraqi divisions in the offensive, which it said had left Baghdad's invading military forces in disarray.

A Pentagon official said he had seen nothing to suggest such a defeat, but added: "On balance, the Iranians seem to be getting the best of it."

Of security commitment Reagan letter assures Chun

SEOUL, March 30 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, in a personal letter to South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan, has reaffirmed Washington's security commitment to South Korea and praised Seoul's defense efforts.

Visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger delivered the letter Tuesday when he paid a courtesy call on President Chun at his official mansion. "These years have drawn us together to form a strong partnership which now not only ensures freedom for ourselves but also contributes to (that of) others in the region," President Reagan said in the letter.

The message also contained a pledge of continued U.S.-Korean friendship as the two countries celebrate the 100th anniversary of their bilateral diplomatic relations.

At the opening session of the 14th South Korea-U.S. Security Consultative meeting here, Weinberger announced the United States will upgrade its tanks in South Korea in the mid-1980s and offer the South Koreans the old armor.

A communique said Weinberger told his South Korean hosts the U.S. army's M-48A5

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Arab and foreign media highlight Fahd statement

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Arab and foreign news media Tuesday covered prominently Crown Prince Fahd's interview by the Kuwaiti daily *Al-Siyassah* which was published Monday.

Prominence was given to the crown prince's statement on the Saudi peace plan which was adopted as an Arab plan at the 12th Arab summit conference at Fez, Morocco. The plan, as Prince Fahd said, aims at formulating a unified Arab ideology and view in confronting the Israeli plots and in making attempts at a peaceful, comprehensive and equitable settlement to the Middle East issues.

The media also referred to the crown prince's announcement that the basic statute for government and the consultative council (Shura) system will be made public two months after the publication of the new fiscal budget and after their submission to King Khalid for approval. They said that the modernization process in the Kingdom depends basically on the divine law which the country has adopted as its constitution. They lauded the deliberate study to which the two systems were subjected with a view to creating a com-

prehensive view free from errors.

The media further dealt with Prince Fahd's firm resort to those who speak about the Kingdom from a distance and referred to his invitation to them to come to Saudi Arabia to see how the whole country has been turned into a workshop for the people's welfare.

The Arab and foreign media commended Prince Fahd's statement on energy and the Kingdom's commitment toward the international society. They highlighted his statement that the Kingdom's oil production is at present seven million barrels per day despite its capability of producing 11 million barrels bpd. The media appreciated his statement on the Kingdom's commitment to maintain a balance between the reasonable prices and appropriate production ratios, and said that OPEC's reduced production would help in containing the oil glut in the world market, which, according to Prince Fahd's expectations, will end within two or three months.

The Arab and international media in general and the Gulf media in particular gave prominence to Prince Fahd's views on Gulf cooperation and the high hopes that its peoples pin on the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Sultan chairs manpower panel deliberations

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The Manpower Council held a meeting here Tuesday under the chairmanship of Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan to endorse its financial and administrative statutes.

After the meeting, Prince Sultan said that the statutes have already been approved by the Council of Ministers which also provided for forming and organizing a secretariat general and making it an independent entity. The manpower council will meet next Sunday to complete discussions of these issues, he said hoping that the meeting will reach good results.

The meeting was attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khail, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter, National Guard Assistant-Deputy Commander Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, Civil Service Board President Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi, Technical Education and Vocational Training Organization Governor Dr. Abdul Wahab Al-Atar and Dr. Hussein Mansouri, the manpower council's secretary general.

IDB directors begin session

JEDDAH, March 30 (SPA) — The Board of Executive Directors of the Islamic Development Bank opened its 55th session here Monday under IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

The three-day meeting will discuss, among other things, the possibility of financing new development projects in the bank's member states. It will also consider granting technical assistance to some members.

Pakistan to open trade center in Jeddah

BY Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 30 — An agreement for setting up of a Pakistani permanent trade center in the Kingdom was signed to Karachi March 27, said Muhammad Yusuf, vice chairman of Export Promotion Bureau of Pakistan.

He told *Arab News* Tuesday that the agreement was signed by chairman of the Export Promotion Bureau and his Saudi Arabian counterpart Hortaizmi Nihar to set up the center in Jeddah.

Yusuf said it will be a show window for Pakistani goods and will become a strategic center to spread information and boost the "ever increasing Saudi-Pakistan trade relations." It also may become a big sales center with a large warehouse facilities to keep sufficient stocks and inventories to meet the needs of buyers in the Kingdom. The center also will provide useful data on consumer preference and market needs "so that we shall produce what buyers want," he said.

It is likely to be ready by November or December of this year and will be launched along with a big trade fair. The center will be set up temporarily between Khaled ibn Walid Street and Sitten Street, and, thereafter, will be moved to the permanent structure off Sitten Street near Shaker Center, he added.

"We have a unique system of commercial courts, set up exclusively to handle disputes, between Pakistani exporters and importers of," he said. The court consists of a judge as chairman and two members from the business community and banks.

Yusuf said Pakistan's first export processing zone has been set up in Karachi upon the recommendation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

Jalees Siddiqi, commercial secretary of the embassy said that so far 19 export units had been sanctioned for this zone. They include

Islam in Korea reviewed

MAKKAH, March 30 (SPA) — A meeting was held here Tuesday to discuss promoting methods of propagating Islam in South Korea and translating the Holy Quran into the Korean language for the benefit of Korean Muslims.

two to be built with the help of Saudi investments, two by UAE investors, one from Kuwait and others by Japan and Western countries. The Saudi funded projects are a \$20-million aluminium extrusion factory and a \$1.5-million plant for the manufacture of structural foam, special plastic material for packaging, door and window panels, he added.

Siddiqi said Pakistani exports to the Kingdom during the 1980-81 fiscal year reached

\$176 million and in the first six months of the 1981-82 fiscal year it stood at \$85 million. Saudi Arabia is the third largest buyer of Pakistan's goods, after Japan and the U.S.

Its share of total exports has gone up from 5.9 percent in 1980-81 to 7.8 percent in the first half of the 1981-82 year. Major items imported included rice, cotton and synthetic textiles, leather goods, hand-knotted carpets, tent paravans, canvas goods, readymade garments, knitwear and hosiery.

SR 298m sports contract let

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd Monday signed a SR298 million contract with a specialized firm to build a sports complex in Tabuk within 24 months.

The project comes within the framework of King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd's policy to provide entertainment to the country's youths by building clubs and other sports facilities throughout the Kingdom.

Prince Fahd said that the complex will comprise an administrative building, a stadium for 15,000 spectators, a covered gymnasium which can accommodate 1,000 spectators, a covered swimming pool for 300 persons, a mosque for 500 persons, a 100-bed hostel, a cafeteria, a lecture hall for 500 persons, a library and various sports and entertainment facilities.

Construction fair attracts suppliers

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 30 — The Middle East Construction and Municipal Services Exhibition which opens here in November will be a field of competition by leading suppliers to the Kingdom. Britain West Germany, France, the United States, South Korea, Finland and Turkey are supporting their exhibitors by organizing national stands.

According to the organizers, Fairs and

Exhibitions of London and Al-Haridh of Jeddah, more than 80 British exporters have indicated their intention to take part in the exhibition which opens Nov. 4. They will be sponsored by the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB) with the Building Materials Export Group managing their participation. Saudi Arabian companies alone have reserved more than 2,000 square meters of space on the exhibition grounds, the Jeddah Expo Center.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:25	12:26	11:57	11:44	12:08	12:38
Asr (Afternoon)	3:51	3:54	3:25	3:13	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:36	6:38	6:09	5:57	6:21	6:52
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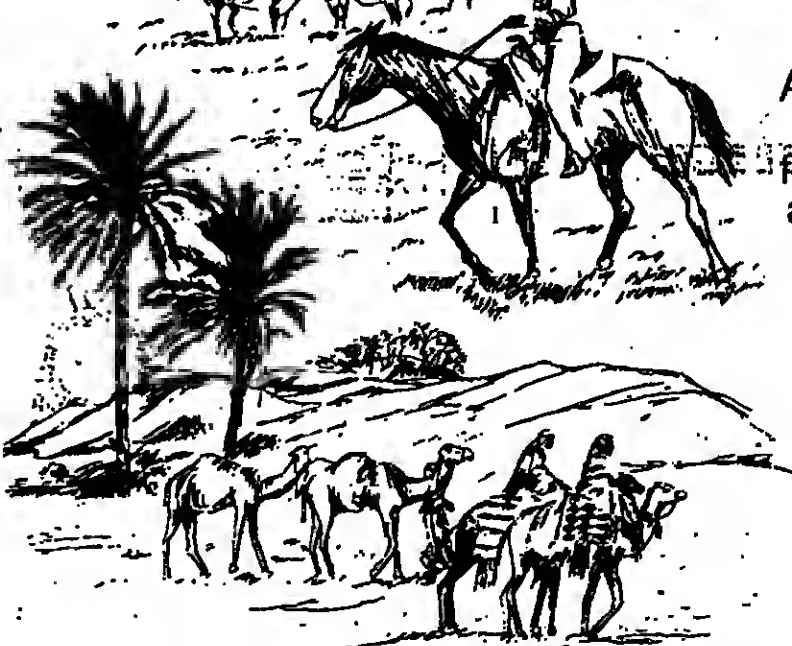
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Chatti warns against 'Israeli despotism'

Yamani hails uprising in occupied land

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Tuesday hailed the Palestinian Arabs in occupied territory for their confrontation of the Zionist barbaric acts which aim at liquidating the Palestine issue and imposing the so-called civilian administration on them.

The situation also, proves that Palestinians rally round the Palestine Liberation Organization considering it as their sole and legitimate representative inside the occupied territory and outside, he said.

Yamani referred to the recent statements of Israeli Premier Menahem Begin and other leaders, in which they expressed the disappointment they felt while facing the popular Arab wrath. He reiterated that the Arab upheaval must be understood by the world, and described it as a pointer to further

development if time is lost without finding an equitable solution to the Palestinian issue.

The information minister called upon Arab leaders to carry out their responsibility toward God and their peoples at this pressing stage of the history of their major issue. He urged them to cast marginal differences and to stand as one man behind the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Tuesday warned against the increasing Israeli despotism which is reflected in the imposition of the so-called civilian administration.

In a cable to Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi, the OIC chief said the Arabs were looking forward to the Arab foreign ministers' extraordinary meeting to discuss the deteriorating situation inside the occupied territory. He called for the mobilization of material, military and political potentials to help Palestinians gain independence under the PLO's leadership.

He said he was hopeful that those governments would take suitable measures to put an end to the Israeli attitude, which is incompatible with the principles of human rights and the international law. He commended the stances of some European countries which condemned the Israeli acts.

Mansouri's meeting with the European envoys was attended by Mamoun Qabani and Ismail Al-Shoura, heads of the Western and Arab desks, respectively, at the Foreign Office.

Envoys asked to convey concern

JEDDAH, March 30 (SPA) — European diplomatic missions here were urged to convey to their governments Saudi Arabia's concern about the repressive and barbaric measures taken by Israeli authorities against unarmed Palestinian Arab residents in the West Bank and Gaza.

The request was made by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign undersecretary for political affairs, Tuesday when he called the European envoys to brief them on the Saudi Arabian government's con-

Gulf planning ministers to meet

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau
RIYADH, March 30 — Planning ministers of the Gulf region will meet in a two-day session beginning April 6 in Bahrain to coordinate plans in the economic and social fields.

will be headed by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisam Nazer, include Dr. Faisal Basheer, deputy planning minister, Abdul Razack Al-Gain and Abdul Rahman Al Karim, general director in the planning minister's office, as members.

The talks, according to Sheikh Nazer, will be preceded by a preliminary session of the technical committee Sunday to prepare the agenda.

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SR165 million Riyadh project commissioned

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — A SR165 million project was commissioned to an international company Monday night by the Riyadh Water and Sewage Department. The decision was taken during a meeting of the department's board headed by Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Salim, its vice chairman.

The contract covers the western areas of Suwaidi and Shabrah. The department also commissioned two other contracts for supervising the implementation of sewage projects. Saudi Arabian consulting offices won the two contracts. During the meeting, the board also reviewed progress of work on various projects.

In another development, Prince Salim Monday opened the Islamic International Book Exhibition organized by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University. The ceremony began with recitation from the Holy Koran.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — A SR54.5 million contract was signed with a national company here Tuesday for building the Quraish to Faqra road in Madinah Region. The total length of the road will be 51 kilometers and work will be completed within 26 months.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani signed the contract in his capacity as acting communications minister.

RIYADH (SPA) — Promoting manpower cooperation was the topic of discussion at a meeting between Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Fayez, governor of the general organization of social insurance, and Pakistan Labor Minister Ghulam Dastgir. The meeting, attended by senior officials of the ministry and Pakistani ambassador here, also discussed several issues related to manpower.

RIYADH (SPA) — A SR26 million contract was awarded Tuesday for supervising the implementation of Buraidah public housing project which comprises of 949 units and development of 1,675 land plots. The con-

tract, signed by Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, was won by a consortium of consultants which groups the German Rhine — Ruhr and the Saudi Dar Al-Riyadh.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society concludes Thursday cultural competition program between the women's divisions of Ummul Qura University of Makkah and Riyadh's King Saud University. The competition was held for the King's cup. The final ceremony will be held under the auspices of Princess Hissab Bint Khaled at Jeddah's Grand Lectures Hall. Meanwhile, the society also will hold an exhibition of paintings for contemporary artists here April 4.

AHSA (SPA) — A lecture on the enemies of Islam will be delivered here Wednesday by Dr. Abdul Sattar Al-Saeed of the Higher Institute for Call to Islam, Riyadh. The lecture will be held at the Sharia and Islamic Studies College here.

Confers with IDB chief

President Stevens ends visit

JEDDAH, March 30 (SPA) — Sierra Leone President Siaka Stevens and his delegation left here for home Tuesday concluding a visit to the Kingdom that lasted several days.

He was seen off at the airport by Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Makkah; Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, SR400m loan granted

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The Saudi Industrial Development Fund will loan the Arab Cement Company Limited SR400 million to build a new plant in Rabigh, according to an agreement signed here Monday.

The agreement was signed by the fund's Director General Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Al-Nasim and the company's Chairman Sheikh Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Sulaiman. The fund already extended funds totaling SR2,410,000 to seven cement companies in Saudi Arabia.

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commissioner of Jeddah; Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi commander of the Western Region; Sheikh Abdul Aziz Jokhdar, local chief of the royal protocol; members of the Sierra Leone embassy and several other officials.

Tuesday morning, Stevens received at the Hamra Palace here Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, who briefed the Sierra Leone leader on the bank's financing activities. Stevens expressed his country's appreciation of IDB's efforts in the development of Third World countries, mainly those in Africa. He also expressed his country's willingness to become a member of the bank. Dr. Ali welcomed the idea.

Meanwhile, IDB delegation will be sent to that country to discuss the membership issue and get acquainted with the development projects in Sierra Leone. The IDB president also invited the Sierra Leone finance minister to attend as an observer, the next annual meeting of the bank's board of directors scheduled for Istanbul on May 24. President Stevens welcomed the idea as a step toward his country's inclusion in the IDB's membership.

Trade delegation arrives

Chinese to promote new products

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 30 — A 37-member trade delegation from the Republic of China arrived here on a two-week visit to the Kingdom. The mission, on the second leg of the tour of the Middle East, earlier visited Jordan.

The group, led by Mark Y.Y. deputy director, publications department at the China External Trade Development Council, is also planning to visit Riyadh and Dammam.

Wang told Arab News that the mission came here to introduce new products and the latest models of different goods. "We are interested in promoting electronic items, silver rings, toys, wooden door, sanitaryware

and fittings, car seat covers, revolving warning lights, garments, footwear, jewelry, building materials and many more items," he said.

He said that Chinese exporters are very prompt in keeping delivery schedules. "All precautions will be taken to see that Saudi Arabia gets the best possible goods he said. "We value the Kingdom as one of our most important customers and we want to enhance our trade relationship," he added.

The Chinese embassy, according to Alexander Cheng, commercial attache, had done researches into and market conditions and types of goods most suitable for the Kingdom. Such goods will be promoted.

The trade delegation is planning to meet importers, businessmen and officials of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

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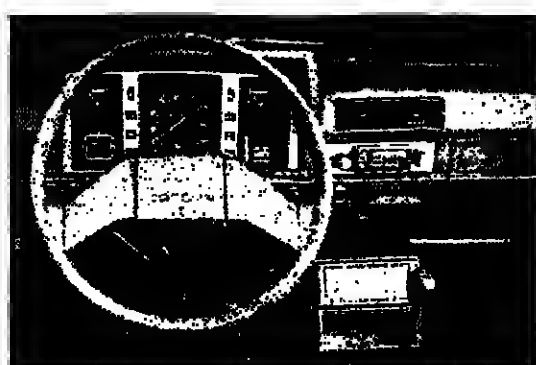
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Says Kabul calm deceptive

Ex-Afghan ambassador joins freedom fighters

NEW DELHI, March 30 (Agencies) — A former Afghan ambassador of long experience has defected and joined the ranks of freedom fighters.

Addressing a news conference here, ex-ambassador Pazhwak, 63, who left his wife and four sons in Kabul, spoke of the mounting resistance to the Karmal regime. He said the calm in Kabul was deceptive and the "regime there rules only in daytime, that too only in cities. After the dark, it is the resistance that rules," he said adding that he was in constant touch

Turkey warns Greece of countermeasures

ANKARA, March 30 (R) — Turkey said Tuesday it would take countermeasures if Greece expropriated land or property of ethnic Turks in the north-eastern Greek region of Thrace.

A foreign ministry spokesman issued the warning when asked about Turkish press reports that the Athens government may be planning such expropriations. He said the Turkish government was preparing a draft bill to take countermeasures within international law if Greece took over any of the property of ethnic Turks.

He gave no details of the draft bill. Press reports here have said Turkey might expropriate the property of ethnic Greeks in Istanbul if Athens takes any such measures. Earlier this month, Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu accused Greece of implementing a racist policy against the Turkish minority in western Thrace.

Study group urges U.S.-PLO talks

NEW YORK, March 30 (AP) — The United States should reassess its Middle East policies, begin talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization and stop viewing the Soviet Union as a threat to the region, according to a report released Monday by the American Friends Service Committee.

"The Reagan administration's exaggerated perception of the Soviet threat in the Middle East has underscored a widely-held belief that the new administration has little Middle East foreign policy beyond arms transfers," said Everett Mendelsohn, principal author of the new AFSC book.

Mendelsohn, a Harvard University professor, led an AFSC working party of five that produced the report based on a year of "intensive discussions" and travel in the region. At a Manhattan news conference, two members of the working party also warned

Iran to release 8,200 prisoners

BEIRUT, March 30 (AP) — Ayatollah Khomeini's regime will release a total of 8,200 prisoners by April 1, the official IRNA news agency reported Tuesday.

The agency quoted Iran's Revolutionary Prosecutor Hojatolislam Hossein Musavi as saying the prisoners would be freed within an amnesty coinciding with the third anniversary of the establishment of Iran's Islamic republic. Those who will be released will include political detainees and criminal convicts.

Musavi said the Islamic revolutionary courts had tried to "enlighten present and

Ghazala, Reagan discuss Mideast

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — Egyptian Defense Minister Muhammad Abu Ghazala hand-delivered a message to U.S. President Ronald Reagan from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Monday but did not divulge its contents.

Abu Ghazala said he and Reagan discussed "the latest developments in the Middle East," but did not elaborate. He also said he had no doubt that Israel would complete its withdrawal from the Sinai.

with the fighters in Afghanistan.

The present government has made several attempts to win him over, he said. Pazhwak will try to promote unity among the various fighter groups in Pakistan and India. He also said 40 to 45 percent of the senior officials in the administration were against the regime and were sympathetic to the fighters.

Meanwhile, six Afghan officials, three army officers and three civilians have been killed in Afghanistan, Western diplomatic sources said in Islamabad Tuesday.

These sources said two Afghan government army officers were killed by the Islamic fighters March 22 at Kot-e-Sangi village near Kabul, when they were suddenly attacked. Another Afghan Army officer was killed by the fighters in Gulkhana village, on the outskirts of Kabul March 25.

The three civilian officials who were killed in the middle of March belonged to Kabul University. The death of University President Azizur Rehman Saeedi was reported last week, and has been confirmed now. But the cause is disputed. Some sources say he was killed with a small caliber pistol, while others claim he was poisoned.

Western diplomatic sources also said in Islamabad that Islamic fighters dynamited high tension power pylons March 20 and reduced Kabul's electricity supplies by two-thirds.

Kabul is currently obtaining electricity from two diesel generators, installed near Puli Charki prison, supplying 40 megawatts instead of the 120 megawatts from the downed power lines, according to Afghan sources.

that until the question of Palestinian autonomy was addressed, there would be no peace in the region.

Gail Pressberg, director of Middle East programs for the Philadelphia-based Quaker Organization, said peace would be "Very difficult or impossible" to obtain if the Israelis continued their current policies toward the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat conferred Monday with a 10-member British parliamentary delegation on a Middle East tour.

The delegation, consisting of members of both the ruling Conservative and the opposition Labor Party, promised Arafat they would raise the issue of Palestine in parliament on their return home. Wafa added. The delegation visited West Bank and Gaza Strip.

former prisoners" such as giving them "informative and enlightening educations, including Islamic as well as political studies during their prison terms." He claimed many of them had "recanted their former views."

There are contradictory reports as to how many political prisoners Khomeini's regime holds. But the main opposition group the Mujahadeen Khalq organization claims more than 30,000 political prisoners are serving sentences in Iranian jails. The regime, however, claimed a few months ago that only between 3,000 to 4,000 political prisoners were being held in Iran.

Asked whether he was afraid that Israel would attempt to annex the West Bank, the defense minister replied: "I hope not."

Earlier, he told Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig that Egypt was worried about rising tensions between Israeli forces and Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

But, he said, he is hopeful that the problems in the occupied territories will not complicate the last phase of Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai.

Five advisers appointed in Bangladesh

DACCA, March 30 (AFP) — Bangladesh's new army strongman, Lt.-Gen. Hussain Muhammad Ershad, has added five more members to his council of advisers.

A martial law announcement Monday night named the five new advisers as Maj. Gen. Abdul Mannan Siddiqui, A.M.A. Muhiith, a retired senior official of the ministry of finance, Air Vice-Marshal (retired) Aminul Islam, Doha, former Bangladesh high commissioner to Britain, and Mahburur Rahman.

Maj.-Gen. Siddiqui is to take over the ministry of public works and urban development, Muhiith the ministry of finance and planning, Air Vice-Marshal Islam labor and manpower, Doha, information and broadcasting and Rahman, local government, rural development and cooperatives.

Doha was earlier rumored to become an adviser for foreign affairs, a post still held by the chief martial law administrator, Gen. Ershad, who seized power from President Abdul Sattar in a bloodless coup last week. The council has now a total of 11 members. Six were appointed last week.

Comoro Islands, Morocco seek OAU summit

RABAT, March 30 (Agencies) — Morocco and the Comoro Islands have agreed a special African summit should be convened to solve the current crisis in the Organization of African Unity (OAU), a joint communique has said.

The communique was issued at the end of a visit by the Moroccan Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Abdul Haq Tazi to the Indian Ocean island republic. It said an extraordinary summit of the OAU was "the only solution (capable of saving the organization from a break-up and to re-establish legality and legitimacy."

The Comoro Islands and Morocco were among 19 African delegations to walk out of an OAU ministers meeting in Addis Ababa last month to protest the admission to the OAU of the Sabaran Republic proclaimed by Polisario fighters.

Nobel committee urged to rescind Begin's prize

BONN, March 30 (R) — The West German-Arab Association called on the Norwegian Nobel Prize Committee Tuesday to rescind its award to Prime Minister Menachem Begin because of Israeli policy in the occupied West Bank.

The association said in a statement it was horrified that Israeli soldiers have been shooting to death unarmed Palestinian youths. The statement was signed by three members of parliament, including Free Democrat Juergen Moelleman, a close party aide of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

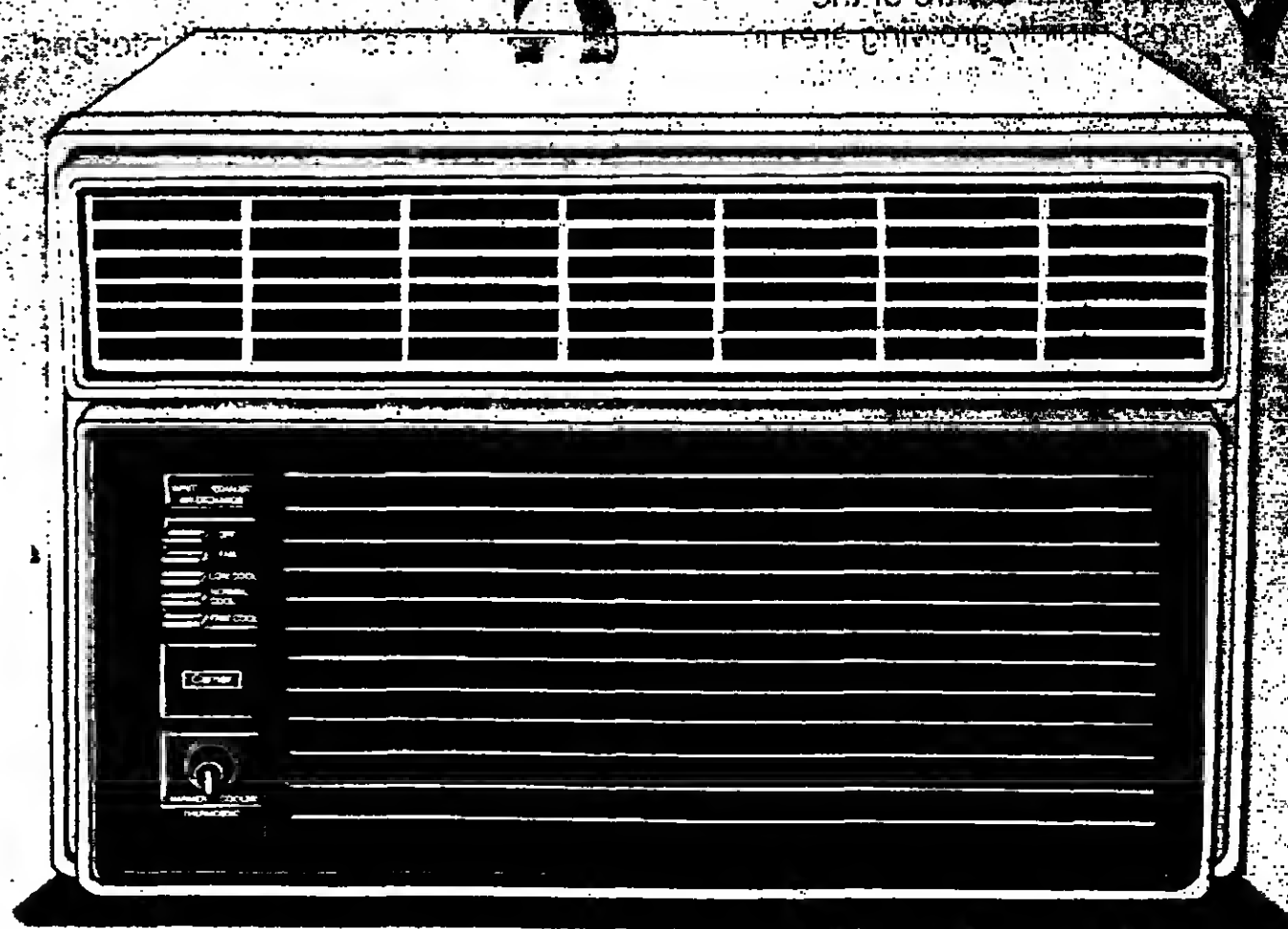
It said the Nobel Prize Committee should rescind the award it made to Begin in 1978, when he and the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat received the prize for their part in the Camp David peace agreement.

BRIEFS

BERNE, March 30 (AP) — The 100-member Swiss-Arab Society Tuesday called on Swiss tourists to avoid traveling to Israel "out of the most basic sense of decency toward the oppressed and persecuted in Palestine."

ANKARA, (AFP) — General elections in Turkey will take place in 1993 as scheduled following a constitutional referendum this fall, the Consultative Assembly constitutional committee's chairman Orhan Aldikacti said here Tuesday.

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The road between Ramallah and El Bireh is obstructed by Israeli tank formations. The road is not safe.
The road between El Bireh and Nablus is unsafe as a result of sniper fire from Israeli security agents.
The road between Ramallah and Bethlehem is cut by burning tires. The road however is safe.
The road leading to Bethlehem through its main rubbish dump is unsafe owing to sniper fire from Israeli paratroopers. They have been stationed in and around the dump for a few days now.
The road to Jerusalem is open and safe to the airport roundabout. After that it is cut by checkpoints set up by Israeli special forces.
All entrances to Nablus are dominated by Israeli tanks. Inside the town the roads are still both open and safe. Groups of armed Zionist settlers have been seen moving into the area.
Grave developments awaited everywhere.

Saudi Arabian press review

Crown Prince Fahd's interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper *As-Siyassah* and "The Day of the Land" observed by Palestinians and Arabs to protest the Israeli occupation of Arab lands were the two major topics for editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.
Al-Bilad said Prince Fahd's interview reflected the Saudi Arabian leadership's awareness of its historic responsibilities toward current events and issues. "Prince Fahd has highlighted the great development the Kingdom is witnessing in all spheres," it added.
Dealing with the proposed basic system and consultative state council, *Al-Madinah* said, "Saudi Arabia's conception of democracy is different from that of the West, as the formation of the council will enable the Saudi citizen to have direct contact with the ruler."
The paper attributed the bad economic and political conditions in some Arab states to the wrong application of the real meaning of democracy in these states.

Al-Jazirah praised Prince Fahd's explanations on Libyan leader Qaddafi's irrational attack on the Kingdom's oil policy.
The paper said Prince Fahd has rightly blamed Qaddafi's irresponsible and stupid policies for the world's oil glut.
It hailed the Kingdom's decision to turn away oil companies seeking to "defect" from Arab states, from which they previously bought crude and the Kingdom's instructions to them to return to their original suppliers.
Dealing with the Day of Land, *Al-Riyadh* reaffirmed the Kingdom's full support for the heroic struggle of the Palestinian Arabs against the Zionist enemy's usurpation of the Palestinian lands. The paper praised the dedicated Palestinian struggle against the Israeli enemy since 1948.
It recalled the famous call of the late King Abdul Aziz for the Palestinians to wage their own battle for the liberation of their homeland and the Arabs to supply them with finance and arms. (SPA).

Argentina promises to clarify cases of 'disappeared'

By Jimmy Burns

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's military regime has announced that it intends to clarify the cases of thousands of Argentines who disappeared during the repression following the 1976 military coup. The intention, leaked to the press by a top aide of the ministry of the interior, was immediately heralded by the pro-government newspaper, *La Nacion*, as a major initiative on the human rights issue.
The problem of the disappeared has been of priority concern for human rights groups both within and outside Argentina, and was one of the main justifications used for the arms embargo imposed by the Carter administration in 1977.
Critics of the Argentine regime have never accepted the arguments used by the armed forces to justify the methods used during their war against left-wing guerrilla groups. Between 1976 and 1978, bands of armed men, claiming to be federal police or members of paramilitary forces, took part in house raids, arrests and murder.
Many of their victims were kidnapped and were never seen again. Relatives who, alone or with the help of lawyers, denounced individual kidnap cases were informed by local police stations and army barracks that they had no trace of the victims. With most guerrillas and their sympathizers liquidated by 1979, the Argentine military have taken some steps to liberalize the regime, relaxing censorship, freeing political prisoners, and allowing a measure of public debate.
But the opposition has remained unconvinced, demanding that the government settle conclusively the issue of the disappeared by publishing a full list of the victims. They have also asked for information on the circumstances of their death, since it is generally assumed that more than 6,000 Argentines who were either kidnapped or arrested have been killed since 1976.
Opposition has been growing since last summer when the Argentine bishops issued a pastoral letter strongly condemning "illegitimate repression" and "military excesses". The Argentine church is traditionally among the most conservative in Latin America. The outspoken tone of the bishops' statement came as a rude shock to the military and reportedly convinced the regime that it had to give way slightly on something that had previously been taboo.
The regime's latest human rights initiative came a few days after a visit to Buenos Aires by a high-ranking U.S. official, the assistant secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Thomas Enders. There was speculation that Enders might have made the resumption of arms sales and closer cooperation with Argentina in Central America dependent on the initiative being announced. But U.S. officials in Buenos Aires denied this. The Humphrey-Kennedy Amendment which led to the Carter arms embargo can be lifted if and when the U.S. administration certifies that human rights have improved in Argentina.
The administration is believed to have been prepared to do this several months ago. However, a deterioration of the human rights situation in neighboring Chile — where an arms embargo was also imposed — has delayed a final decision. The U.S. is believed to be concerned with not upsetting the balance in the southern cone of South America by resuming arms sales to one country and not the other.
Human rights organizations have welcomed the move as a positive step forward "after years of official silence", but stress that the initiative is still a vague promise rather than a firm commitment. "The regime's playing for time because it knows the pressure is on", said a local human rights official.

Reagan's Caribbean initiative under fire

By Nan B. Anthony
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration last week presented its Caribbean Basin plan to a less than enthusiastic Congress. Announced by President Reagan last month in a major speech to the Organization of American States (OAS), the economic program proposes use of "the magic of the marketplace" by integrating aid, trade and investment to shore up the sagging economies of some 24 Caribbean countries.
The economic initiative has four major parts: 1) removal of tariffs from all items exported to the United States from the designated Caribbean nations, except textiles and garments for a period of 12 years; 2) significant tax incentives for U.S. investment in the Caribbean Basin; 3) \$350 million in economic assistance to those countries "particularly hard-hit economically"; and 4) technical assistance and training programs to assist the private sector in basin countries.
Senator Edward Zorinsky, Democrat from Nebraska, labeled the plan "little more than a cover for increased assistance to El Salvador." More than one-third of the \$350 million requested would be slated for El Salvador, currently the focus of widely-disputed U.S. policy in Central America. Other members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee agreed with that view. Senator Joseph Biden, Democrat from Delaware, told the panel of government witnesses that his constituents regard the proposal as a type of "Trojan horse" which the Reagan administration plans to use to funnel additional aid to El Salvador. Biden also stated that while the intent of the plan was positive, it would probably have no major impact on the area.
A congressional aide told *Arab News* that the initiative will probably be approved, albeit in altered form. The full amount of aid may not be granted, and the portion designated for El Salvador will undoubtedly generate controversy, he said.
Stiffer criticism of the plan surfaced on the House side of Congress. A representative of the AFL-CIO told the House Ways and Means Committee that the tax incentives, proposed in the plan, would encourage U.S. businesses to locate outside the country, thereby depriving jobs and revenue to Americans.
Opposition is rapidly forming from firms which stand to be adversely affected by the removal of tariffs from potentially competitive goods. A spokesman from the office of Senator Daniel Inouye, Democrat from Hawaii, said that the removal of tariffs from imported pineapple, sugar and ornamental flowers would surely have had effects on the economies of that state.
In defending the administration's William Brock, U.S. special trade representative, assured Congress that safeguard mechanisms would be available to any U.S. industry seriously injured by increased basin imports.
The Reagan administration had previously sought regional cooperation in this economic aid effort. Secretary of State Alexander Haig announced recently that the "Nassau Four" — the United States, Canada, Mexico and Venezuela — had expanded to include Colombia and were now the "New York Five" and that these countries would continue their collective efforts to aid the basin countries. Haig expressed optimism that Congress would favorably consider the legislative proposals of the president to solve the "anguishing problems of the hemisphere."
Despite the firm tones of Reagan and Haig, Congress may not prove as receptive to the Caribbean remedies as they would hope. Skepticism about the administration's motives regarding the region is at all time high. Members of Congress, in this election

year, are faced with constituents highly agitated by foreign aid spending when unemployment, inflation and dwindling domestic services are the order of the day for most Americans.
"It's interesting to me that the administration decide to propose this type of scheme," said one aide. "They must have known the type of opposition it would engender. You have to give them credit for trying."
Meanwhile, the revolutionary government in Grenada has attacked Reagan's Caribbean initiative as a smokescreen for military aid to the area, especially to El Salvador, and a device to divide Caribbean countries. The initiative proposes \$3 million for "aid trade and development and investment," mostly aimed at the private sector.
Reagan attacked the tiny island of 110,000 people of being "a threat to peace in the region," but both the Grenada government and the private sector agree about the country's need for aid.
"Before Reagan can really aid the private sector, we need to have roads, telephones, and airports," says a government spokesman. The Chamber of Commerce Chairman David Minors, adds: "It is difficult for a businessman like myself to find a North American partner to set up a factory here if the government does not get funding for paved roads, for example."
Washington has frequently cited the construction of a new international airport capable of taking military jets at Point Salines as evidence of the potential threat Grenada poses to the peace of the area. However, this appears to be alienating the very private sector that America wishes to cultivate. Minors explained: "business people have been clamoring for years for a better airport, especially those involved in tourism. This is nothing new. Most of the islands in the area have airports the same size as our proposed one — around 9-11 thousand feet."

Guatemala coup adds to C. America confusion

By Jose Katigbak

GUATEMALA CITY — A military coup in Guatemala has added to the political complexity of the turbulent Central American region. In a surprise move young officers, declaring that elections earlier this month were fraudulent, deposed rightist President Romeo Lucas Garcia in a bloodless coup and installed a three-man junta to run the country.
The constitution was suspended, congress abolished and political activities banned. Guatemala's new rulers promised to hold general elections, but fixed no date, and announced measures to halt human rights abuses they said were committed under the previous administration.
Junta leader Efraim Rios Montt, 57, said the installation of his new government in Guatemala would help bring peace in Central America. Honduras and El Salvador agreed but it was not clear how this would be achieved. The coup came shortly before elections in neighboring El Salvador which the government there hopes will be a first step toward ending a civil war which has killed some 30,000 people.
Like El Salvador, Guatemala is faced with a leftist guerrilla insurgency which Washington charges is backed by Nicaragua and Cuba acting on behalf of the Soviet Union. Washington says that Guatemala is the prime target of guerrilla violence sweeping the region and warns that a victory for leftist forces here could pose a fundamental threat to Mexico and its oil fields.
The question now being asked here is which way the junta will tilt. Diplomatic observers believe that the young officers who staged the coup are centrists determined to put Guatemala's political house in order to enable the new government to concentrate on reforms and defeating the leftist guerrillas.
Gen. Rios Montt, who was called out of retirement to lead the junta, has pledged to guarantee respect for human rights and also to crush the guerrillas.
But delay in the junta's announcement of its government program has fuelled speculation and confusion over the course of events in the country. Adding to the confusion were conflicting announcements in the first few hours of the coup on the composition of the ruling junta.
The general told reporters the coup was staged without outside assistance. Gen. Rios Montt was a presidential candidate of the left-of-center coalition in the 1974 election which he lost but was not deprived of victory. He was then regarded as a moderate.
He has been out of the public eye since then and little of his present-day views are known. In his first speech as junta president he warned leftist guerrillas to give up or be crushed.
The coup last Tuesday was the first since the overthrow of Gen. Miguel Fuentes by Col. Enrique Peralta Azurdia in March, 1963. A long history of elections denounced as fraudulent has kept military officers almost continuously in power since Guatemala's independence in 1821.
Guatemala's four main guerrilla groups, which recently united under the banner of national revolutionary army, have ignored the junta's call for them to lay down their arms. Guerrillas have been intermittently active in Guatemala for years, but this was the first time they have united.
In their proclamation of unity they opted for a

popular revolutionary war saying this was the only way to resolve social and economic injustices, especially for the country's Indians who account for slightly over half the population. (R)

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, March 31st, the 90th day of 1982. There are 275 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:
1683 — Poland forms alliance with Roman Empire against Turks.
1885 — Britain proclaims protectorate over North Bechuanaland, ending Steeland Republic in South Africa.
1905 — German Kaiser William II's visit to Tangier sets off first Moroccan crisis.
1913 — Turkey accepts recommendations of great powers for peace with Bulgaria.
1936 — Britain and France pledge to support Poland if it is invaded.
1942 — Japanese successes in Burma and Andaman Islands in World War II threaten India's east coast.
1948 — U.S. Congress passes Marshall Aid Pact for European recovery.
1953 — Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden is elected U.N. secretary-general.
1955 — China's Communist Party begins purge.
1970 — Count Karl von Spreiti, West Germany's ambassador to Guatemala, is kidnapped in that country, and is slain April 5th.
1977 — Friendship treaty is signed by the Soviet Union and former Portuguese territory of Mozambique.
1980 — U.S. hostage crisis takes another turn as Iran's President Bani-Sadr tries to press militants into handing over the captives.
Thought for today:
Self conquest is the greatest of victories — Plato, Greek Philosopher (about 347-427 B.C.).

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A reminder of the generosity of nature

Jubail changes dramatically to a 'garden city'

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

JUBAIL — In its own fashion, the Royal Commission for Jubail is making the desert bloom. The nearby island of Abu Ali shows against what challenging odds this is being accomplished. Pottery shards litter this desolate crescent-shaped island. Only sparse clumps of sagebrush and the power lines strung out to the horizon break the monotony. Egrets and cormorants hunt at the seashore where mud snails nosedive and hermit crabs scuttle along sidewalks to scoop up sand and extract its nutrients.

A few kilometers south of Jubail the same desolation prevails. Jubail is also built on these sand flats. How then did the green thumbs turn this site into a garden city. For a garden city it certainly is: the bottomot fig spreads its red blossoms along the corridor roads; the *clerodendron* with tiny white flowers grows sturdily like a privet hedge; pink and poisonous oleander bushes perfume the air; both the common date palm and the exotic Indian almond tree bear their fruit; the light-green leaves of the *odonaea viscosa* contrast against the dark green of the ice plants, the succulent planted in the squares of lawn at the entrance to Camp 9.

This greening of the sahbas was as sudden as if your TV switched overnight from black and white to color. When *Arab News* visited the new industrial city three years ago, the only green was a huge spheroid tree, a natural landmark at the entrance to the Berri GOSP field. There it still stands, a grim sentinel beside the billows of black smoke. In the new residential areas of this industrial city, however, the green is as fresh and clean as springtime. Plants and shrubs seem to grow faster than weeds.

"This is a very rugged environment," said Chris Folsom, landscape architect for

Jubail's Royal Commission. "Plants can't talk to you and tell you what is ailing them." The first priority then was to find plants that would feel at home and stay healthy in the salty soil. Jubail's horticulturalists and landscapers studied areas of the southwestern United States where the soil was similar. They reckoned that what thrived there might conceivably flourish in Jubail. Some of these plants and shrubs were introduced

to Jubail Camps 7 and 8 three years ago. In plant survival, "the first year is critical," said Folsom. "If any plant makes it through the first year, it has a good chance to survive." When it has lived three years, the gardener can relax a little. Three years have now passed since the pilot landscaping of Camps 7 and 8. Many specimens have endured, but far from resting on their laurels, the green thumbs of Jubail are dig-

ging into their field.

Their biggest problem is not the heat, but the salt. The recent heavy rains in Jubail were "a little bit of a curse," said Folsom who has worked as a landscape architect for 18 years. The steady 36 hours of downpour which hit Jubail around February 20 "collected the salts in the sand and washed these round the root zone of plants." The problem is that airborne salts are not leached out gradually as is the case drizzly lands, but are flushed down to the root structure during storms. Slurping up this ultra-salty fluid quickly dehydrates the plants. This happened recently with Jubail's oleanders. Although they now look dead, they will blossom with the warm weather, claimed Folsom, who got his degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Jubail's surprisingly effective solution to the problem of salinity is to turn the irrigation taps on full force as soon as rain falls. In this way the pernicious salt is diluted.

Nothing is haphazard about Jubail gardening. Every plant is housed in a one-meter hole, filled with sweet sand and an organic mix of peat moss and cattle manure. All plants are staked and wired. All are irrigated. Public areas are maintained by the contractors and private gardens by the dwellers.

In Camp 9, for instance, each house has its own small square of lawn with a half-dozen shrubs and a couple of shade trees. "You can't overplant," warned Folsom, "since you have to be careful about the size of planted areas because of their water needs."

Jubail's gardens are modest and pleasing; none of the ostentation of massive display. Instead there is just enough greenery to remind one of the generosity of nature, soothe the eye, and suggest domestic tranquility.



Drug gangs launch bloody war

Colombia's democracy threatened by 'twin evils'

By Geoffrey Matthews

BOGOTA (LOS) — Travelers to Medellin, Colombia's second and proudest city, are jolted by the graffiti at the airport here. The sprayed scrawl says: "If you want to die — get you to Medellin."

A glance at the newspapers as you await your flight underlines the point. Plastered across the tabloid front pages are photographs of the latest bullet-riddled victims of the wave of violence sweeping a city which banner headlines variously describe as "South America's Little Chicago," "Murder Capital, Latin America," and "City Where the Good Die Young."

For once, Latin American press sensationalism is not misplaced, even though at the end of the 35-minute flight Medellin still looks the jewel of a city it once was.

An industrial center, it has been compared to Manchester and Detroit, but, unlike its British and U.S. counterparts, it also happens to be a lovely city set high in the Andes with a climate, as it has long boasted, of "eternal spring." Its textile and steel mills have still not polluted that climate, but other things have.

Medellin today is the central battleground

of the twin evils which threaten to destroy Colombia's fragile democracy in a crucial presidential election year: organized crime and subversion as represented respectively by the 'Colombian Connection' drug racket and the April 19 Movement M-19.

What is happening in Medellin runs contrary to recent United States charges that the "Connection" has been shipping arms to M-19 from Cuba. In return, Havana is said to have allowed the drug racketeers to use Cuban ports on their voyages through the Caribbean to deliver marijuana and cocaine off the Florida coast.

If one branch of the "Connection" has indeed come to such an agreement with M-19 and Cuba (and Fidel Castro has indignantly denied the U.S. claims), what is certain is that the deal did not involve Medellin's drug racketeers and subversives, who are most definitely out on chummy terms. They are at war — and a bloody and brutal war it is.

M-19 has long specialized in kidnapping members of rich families to raise funds through huge ransoms to buy arms. A few months ago it started to kidnap members of "mafiosa" families in Medellin, a move it may well regret. It led to the formation of MAS, a Spanish acronym for "Death to Kid-

nappers" or "Anti-Kidnapping Movement," nobody is quite sure which. Either way it spells terror in Medellin today. MAS was founded at a meeting of 10 "mafiosa" chiefs, infuriated at being constantly ripped off by the M-19 kidnappers. The result has been a series of brutal murders of anyone suspected by MAS of M-19 links. The victims, often horrifically tortured before they breathed their last, have included trade unionists, teachers and university students.

MAS, which has vowed to murder close relatives of M-19 leaders if the kidnappings do not stop, recently claimed responsibility for the murder in another province of the half brother of Carlos Toledo Plata, founder and ideological brain of M-19, who was detained last March.

As a result, the government has given protection to the mother of Colombia's most wanted man, M-19's elusive "numero uno", Jaime Bateman Cayon, at her home in the Atlantic port city of Santa Marta.

Since many of MAS's victims have been both young and innocent of M-19 ties, the good have indeed been dying young in Medellin, of which none was younger than a

three-year-old boy kidnapped in December not by M-19 but by two small-time criminals out to make a fast fortune.

They abandoned their plan because the child recognized one of them. That recognition cost him his life. Early this year the kidnappers were arrested and charged with murder. MAS immediately announced it had sentenced them to death. Within days the sentence had been carried out.

The killers were being held in solitary confinement in the maximum security block of the city's main prison. Two hoodlums, serving time in another part of the jail, somehow managed not only to reach the killers' cells but to arm themselves on the way. The kidnappers were despatched in a hail of gunfire. Murder contracts executed, the hoodlums surrendered their weapons.

Clearly the killings could not have taken place without the co-operation of prison staff to whom large sums have assuredly been paid by MAS. Nor does anyone think that MAS's executioners will continue to be deprived of their freedom for long or that their families have not already been suitably rewarded. MAS looks after its own and the law can usually be bought.

When it can't, the "mafiosa" ruthlessly silence it, as shown by the murders last year of three judges who could not be bribed out of pursuing their investigations of the drug racket.

After violent confrontation

Court order to restrain Beach Boys

By Pat Morrison

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (LAT) — Beach Boys drummer Dennis Wilson and his cousin Stanley Love agreed recently in Santa Monica Superior Court to a mutual restraining order, promising not to harass, molest, threaten or strike each other again.

The brief action before Superior Court Judge Jacqueline L. Weiss stemmed from an incident in January, when Love and fellow defendant Rushton Pamplin allegedly fought with Wilson in his home in the Venice area of Los Angeles nearby.

But in court documents filed with the case, Love and Wilson disagreed as to what provoked the encounter.

In his statement, Love said he and Pamplin — who had worked with Brian Wilson, the Beach Boys' lead singer — confronted Dennis Wilson "to prevent (him) from providing narcotics and other dangerous drugs to my first cousin, Brian Wilson, with whom I am as close as a brother."

Dennis Wilson, in his statement, said that it was much more than a confrontation. He said he was chased through his house, beaten, kicked and struck with a telephone, and threatened by Love and Pamplin, who demanded that the Beach Boys drop a civil action against Love and his brother, Stephen, who managed the group for six years.

The cross-complaint lawsuit filed by several of the Beach Boys against Stanley Love and former manager Stephen Love alleges mishandling of some of the proceeds from the sale of a limited partnership ranch property in Santa Barbara County.

Neither Dennis nor Brian Wilson attended the court hearing. This is not the first of the strains to trouble the band, whose music provided an American counterpoint to the English groups of the 1960s. Brian Wilson's reclusiveness during the late '60s and into the '70s left the group — composed chiefly of the Loves and Wilsons, who are brothers and cousins — without its main creative force, and tended to stall its music in the 1960s teen surf motifs.

Statements filed in the case by Stanley Love, former all-American and pro basketball player and brother of Beach Boys singer Mike Love, declared that he had a longstanding family feud with Dennis Wilson.

Love said he and Pamplin oversaw Wilson's "remarkable recovery. I did not allow

him to take any drugs, got him interested in exercising, and got him into better physical shape. Eventually, Brian was to resume his professional career and perform with the Beach Boys.

Since then, Love said in his statements, he has been approached by Brian Wilson's representatives about resuming his role as protector to the singer, whose "physical, psychological and mental health has deteriorated substantially within the last year."

His statement argued that whatever action he took was justified as an effort to protect Brian Wilson. He said the altercation was a "personal family matter and was not done to harass Dennis Wilson in any manner whatsoever."

In his account of the confrontation with his cousin Dennis Wilson said he and a companion were "attacked by both" Love and Pamplin, who broke down the front door, "pursued me through three rooms of my house, breaking windows and damaging furniture."

Wilson said one of the men "held me down on the floor while the other severely beat me"

about the head and body. Wilson said he "lost consciousness after being hit in the head," and again after being struck in the face with a telephone.

Wilson declared that he suffered a broken nose, injured foot, numerous cuts and bruises and a possible concussion, and had to spend more than three hours in a hospital emergency room after the incident.

In filing the request for an injunction — which also requires Love and Pamplin to stay more than 100 yards from Dennis Wilson's home — Wilson added that he was in "constant fear of further attack" for himself and the other Beach Boys.

"Stan and Rocky threatened me with more physical harm," he said. "They told me if I did not dismiss this lawsuit against Stan and Stephen (Love), they would come back. They said this attack was only a 'one' on a scale of 'ten.' Next time would be a 'nine.'"

"They said this would be a warning to the other Beach Boys, that Mike Love would be next if this lawsuit would not be dismissed," Dennis Wilson stated.

Tijuana letter carriers struggle to deliver mail

By Robert Montemayor

TIJUANA, Mexico (LAT) — The next time you're upset because the mail is late, just consider the postal plight of Tijuana residents. Tijuana, with a population of over a million, claims to be the second largest city on the West Coast. It is also one of the most affluent cities in Mexico.

Yet this growing urban area struggles along with just 65 letter carriers to deliver its mail — one carrier for every 15,384 people.

To be a mailman in Tijuana you really have to want the job. The unofficial motto of the U.S. Postal Service is that neither snow, nor rain, nor heat stops the mail from being delivered. But in Tijuana the weather can bring mail service grinding to a complete stop.

"Here, when it rains, it is often not possible to deliver the mail to homes on the other side of deep canyons or fast-running streams. In these situations, you wait until it stops raining or until it dries," said federal Postmaster Carlos Parga Alvarez.

Even in the best of weather delivering the mail is difficult, Parga Alvarez said. Most of the homes in Tijuana have addresses but many of them are not numbered in sequence.

"What a mailman has to do is memorize the name of every family on that street," the postmaster said. "The addresses on the letters are important, but knowing the families is more important."

Knowing the stray dogs in the neighborhood helps, too. "I think the dogs in Tijuana bite harder," the postmaster said wryly. "Some of our men have probably had their pants torn off."

Parga Alvarez, in charge of Tijuana's mail service for more than 10 years, admits the city is decades behind the post office in San Diego, with its automated sorting machines.

While Parga Alvarez's tiny force of 65 carriers is tracking around 60 Tijuana delivery routes, distributing about 65,000 pieces of mail daily, San Diego's force of 702 carriers delivers about 1.5 million pieces of mail a day.

One result of Tijuana's lagging mail service is that the post office at the U.S. border community of San Ysidro, Calif., has 5,140 boxes for rent. The entire city of Tijuana has only 900 more.

The demand is so great for personal mailboxes in Tijuana that many families share their boxes with other families in the neighborhood who are on a waiting list to get their own box.

The yearly mailbox turnover rate is only about 300, Parga Alvarez said.

Rare costumes shown

By Nadia Al-Anagry

RIYADH — Bridal costumes from the Eastern Region, the Najdi area and bedouin jewelry will be the highlights of a Thursday evening fashion show and dinner sponsored by the Al-Wafa Women's Welfare Society at the Grand Festival Palace in Sulaimaniyah. The presentation will also feature traditional women's costumes, folk dancing demonstrations and foods of Saudi Arabia.

According to the Al-Wafa Women's Welfare Society, the event will include the display of a number of exquisite and rare traditional Saudi Arabian costumes. Many of the costumes were loaned to the society to be displayed only during this presentation and will be returned to the private owners after the show.

The program of events for the show has been divided into various regions of the Kingdom with a presentation of the cos-

tumes, followed by traditional folklore and folk dances, from that region.

Following the fashion and costume show many regional foods will be presented during a typical Saudi Arabian dinner. Saudi Arabian regional dances will continue after the dinner.

The costume show will begin at 8 p.m., with the presentation of costumes and folk dancing beginning with the following regions: the Southern region, the Hejaz region and the Northern region. Presentations of traditional bride's costumes from the Eastern region will be followed by traditional costumes from this region and folklore and folk dance and then the show will be finalized with the Najdi bride and a presentation of bedouin jewelry.

Arrangements to attend the show can be made from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Festival Palace. Tickets are SR200 per person for women only.

Lack of coordination cited

U.N. commitment to Water Decade wanes

By Daniel Nelson

KUALA LUMPUR (Depthnews) — The resignation of a senior United Nations official has spotlighted the U.N.'s apparent waning commitment to the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade. The departing official is Peter Bourne, U.N. Development Program (UNDP) coordinator for the Decade Program and the highest-ranking U.N. official working full-time on the project.

It is an open secret that Bourne is quitting because of inadequate U.N. support for the Decade Program which completed its first year last December. His commitment to the project is shown by his decision to maintain a close involvement; he is helping establish an organization to coordinate the United States voluntary effort for the Decade.

According to Earthscan a London-based environmental agency, the UNDP has no

plans to replace Bourne. This will throw an additional burden on UNDP deputy administrator Arthur Brown, chairman of the U.N. inter-agency steering committee for the Decade. Coordinating the many U.N. agencies involved in the Decade has been one of the major operational difficulties.

A reduction in the campaign's effectiveness is deemed tragic, for it has the potential to improve living standards for millions of people. Brown himself pinpointed the far-reaching implications of a successful water and sanitation drive when he commented: "Perhaps more than anything else, the water decade could revolutionize the role of rural women throughout the world."

A second indication of the problems facing the Decade comes from an analysis by the International Institute for Environment Development (IIED), which claims in a recent report that the proportion of funds

committed by multilateral development agencies for water and sanitation is going down rather than up.

Last year, for example, the World Bank allocated only 4.4 percent of total commitments to water and sanitation, compared with over 10 percent in 1979. The figures for the Asian Development Bank show a decline from 9.5 percent of total commitments to the end of 1978 to 8.7 percent in 1977-78.

At a pre-launch water decade briefing in 1980, U.N. officials admitted that they did not expect the Decade to meet its target of "clean water and sanitation for all by 1990."

They were admitting the obvious. To translate that slogan into reality would mean providing water and sanitation facilities for 500,000 additional people every day for the next 10 years.

The previous track record offered little hope. Water supply goals were set for the U.N.'s Second Development Decade. Even if the world body's targets had been met, there would have been 58 million more rural people without adequate water in 1980 than at the beginning of the Development Decade. But the goals were not met.

As a result, the task was even greater by the time the Water Decade got underway. The World Bank estimates the capital cost at about \$300 billion; manpower might prove an even bigger constraint. To reach even halfway toward the target, at least one million new technical and commercial personnel and community level water workers will have to be trained.

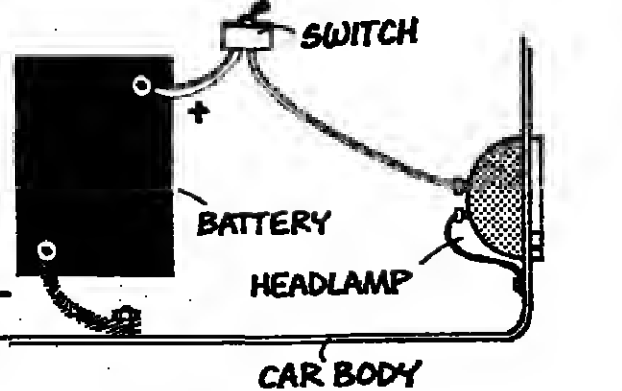
Competent observers note that the U.N. was not properly prepared for the Water Decade, and has failed to sustain its activities since the impressive launching ceremony. But they insist that because of the key role played by water and sanitation in raising living standards, the Decade must not be allowed to fizzle out. Dr. Rita Mukhopadhyay of the Center for Science and Environment in New Delhi, for example, says at least 80 percent of all diseases in India are caused by insufficient water and sanitation.

As UNDP's Brown says, "The humanitarian arguments for the Decade are overwhelming. If the water decade is only partially successful in achieving its goal, it could have more impact in alleviating human suffering and increasing human potential than any other United Nations program."

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WRITTEN & DRAWN BY BILL CALDWELL

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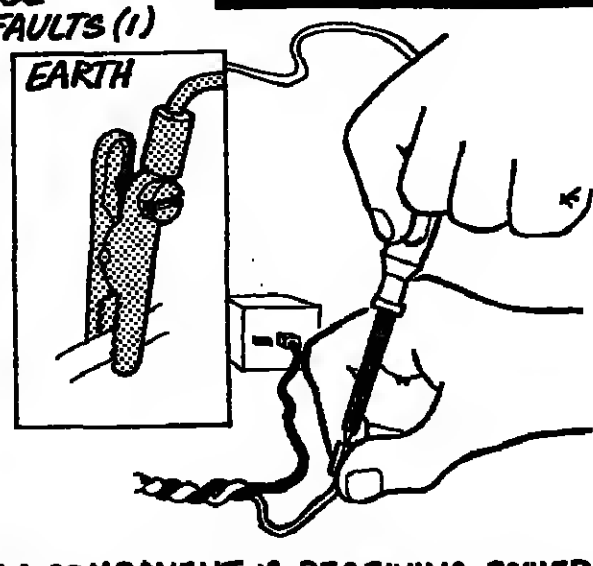
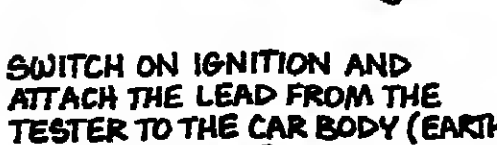


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Ambitious programs underway

Swedish probe conservation, renewable energy

By B. Radhakrishna Rao

STOCKHOLM (PTI) — For nearly a decade now the question of energy supply has been agitating the Swedish society as nothing else could. Like the other highly industrialized West European countries, Sweden has also been feeling a strong need to replenish and, if possible, augment its essentially oil-based energy supply with alternative sources of energy.

Considering the fact that oil currently accounts for about 78 percent of Sweden's total energy consumption, the task is far from easy. Until 1975 Sweden held the distinction of being the world's largest per capita consumption of oil — nearly 50 times as much as the per capita consumption in China and 75 times as much as in India.

According to Sweden's new energy policy, the oil consumption by the end of this decade should drop to 20 million barrels from the current 65 million. This would call for an ambitious program of development of renewable energy sources and a massive curtailment in the use of oil through stringent

conservation measures.

In the long run, Sweden hopes to phase out nuclear power too, which now accounts for 5 percent of the total energy consumption. The decision to do without nuclear power is in conformity with the 1980 national referendum on energy. Restrictions would also come into force on the future expansion of hydro-electric power. Together, these objectives demand a radical rebuilding of Sweden's energy system and a gradual transition to a varied base of supply alternatives.

The Swedish government has already made an outlay of 1,125 million dollars to boost the development and application of non-renewable energy sources and a significant step in this direction is the setting up of an oil substitution fund under the 1981 Energy Act. Over the next three years, Sweden will provide a loan of 310 million dollars to various new oil-saving projects.

During the next few years, Sweden will accelerate its research and development efforts aimed at developing its domestic renewable energy sources. This strategy involves developing appropriate techniques

geared to exploiting forest wastes and peat, and creating a viable market for such fuels in the near future. In a long-term perspective, it is hoped that energy plantations will provide continuous availability of raw energy materials that can be burnt directly, or converted into more compact and easily manageable fuels.

Peat holds the prospect of providing a lion's share in Sweden's renewable energy sources, and its exploitation is in an introductory phase in the country at present. As it is, 10 percent of Sweden's total land mass is covered by peat possessing a potential yield of energy equivalent to 3 billion tons of oil. Theoretically speaking, Sweden's total supply of peat is sufficient to replace the country's present oil consumption for 100 years. But the practical problems and environmental constraints militate against such a possibility. Sweden, however, hopes to generate energy from peat before this decade runs out.

It is estimated that during the 1980s commercial use of peat will increase substantially within industry as well as within municipal areas for heating and combined heat and power generation. However, Sweden will

take every precaution to handle the use of peat without any adverse ecological consequences. Preliminary studies indicate that environmental factors will not come in the way of future expansion of energy production from peat.

Being richly endowed with forests, Sweden can also look forward to produce energy from "fast growing trees" in a very big way. As a matter of fact, more than half of Sweden's total land area, or 23 million hectares, is covered by forests. According to the Swedish Oil Substitution Commission, organized use of forest wastes for energy purposes can provide a major means of reducing Sweden's dependence on oil during the 1980s. Field studies have shown that forest wastes alone can generate a substantial amount of energy. Although significant environmental problems in connection with the extraction of forest wastes are not anticipated, attempts will be made to clarify the potential long-term ecological consequences.

Attention is also being focused on starting energy plantations in abandoned agricultural fields, a project which is in the early stage of development. Extensive basic research is being carried out to clarify biological and technical pre-requisites, land use requirements and cost-levels.

Researchers at the Royal Institute of Technology are busy fabricating devices for liquefaction and gasification of both wood and peat. In order to facilitate the widespread use of coal as well as domestic fuels, technologies are being developed to convert raw energy materials into more efficient and easily manageable energy sources.

Even wind energy is not to be left unharvested. The Swedish Electric Company, Vattenfall, is now busy studying the economic viability and technological feasibility of generating electricity through "wind energy conversion systems". Sweden has favorable wind conditions, particularly along its southern coasts. Research in Sweden has shown that large horizontal-axis wind power plants having two or three blades have the greatest potential of being technically and economically feasible.

Intensive efforts are under way to commission two large horizontal-axis wind power plants having rated outputs of 2000 kw and 3000 kw respectively. In order to find out the conditions at heights relevant to wind power plants, meteorological measurements will be made at a number of coastal bases in Sweden. Other important activities vis-a-vis wind energy include research in safety and environmental aspects of wind power plants, studies of offshore systems and development of small power plants for use by domestic units in the countryside.

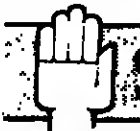
Accent, though on a much lesser scale, is also being placed on developing technologies harnessing round solar power, ocean energy and geothermal energy.

By Peter J

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PAP TEST HOW OFTEN?



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Different doctors — different treatments. For example, my own gynecologist has told me that I won't have to take a Pap test every year. He says every three years. That will protect me from overlooking cancer of the uterus.

But, my closest friend tells me that her doctor insists that she have a Pap test every year.

There's an old joke about doctors disagreeing. But, this difference of opinion makes one wonder which is the right course to pursue. Can you clear this up for me? — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: Doctors make their decisions on their own personal experience in practice. But what they do is tempered by reports they read of large scale studies of disease.

I can understand your gynecologist's difference of opinion. Recent reports by the American Cancer Society and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists contribute to the confusion.

For example, the American Cancer Society has recommended "that all asymptomatic women age 20 and over, and those under 20 who are sexually active, have a Pap test annually for two consecutive examinations and then at least every three years until the age of 65."

"A pelvic examination should be done as part of a general physical examination every three years from age 20 to 40 and annually thereafter."

They also recommend that "at menopause, women at high risk of developing endometrial cancer should have a Pap test, pelvic examination, and endometrial tissue sample."

But the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommended "annual cytologic screen (Pap test) for cervical neoplasia (cancer) for most of the women in the United States."

However, I believe both sides agree that some women need to be tested more frequently than every three years; those whose first coitus was before age 17 or who have other risk factors such as infertility, obesity, failure of ovulation, abnormal uterine bleeding or

who are on estrogen therapy. What it comes down to, Mrs. M., is that frequency of Pap tests should be made on an individual basis between patient and physician.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: My closest friend lost her only son. His doctors called it Reye's Syndrome. He was only 12 years old and apparently in good health until he came down with the flu.

He seemed to be recovering without any trouble when he began to vomit and became confused. He became unconscious and died. Do doctors know anything about this terrible condition? — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: Not as much as we'd like to know. But here are some facts about this illness.

Although first described by Dr. Reye and associates in 1963, its cause still remains obscure. It attacks the brain and other organs.

Reye's syndrome should be suspected in any child recovering from a viral illness such as influenza or chickenpox who suddenly begins to vomit — and who may become confused, irritable or aggressive. There may be no fever or jaundice present.

The peak incidence of Reye's syndrome occurs between 5 and 15. But it may rarely occur in children younger than one year and in older patients. Special laboratory findings help establish the diagnosis. Especially, blood levels of ammonia, coagulation and certain enzymes.

Children with suggestive symptoms should be hospitalized for observation and receive intravenous glucose. Liver biopsy is not always essential for diagnosis. Sometimes brain scanning and EEG (electroencephalography) are helpful.

Treatment varies depending on the symptoms. Most children recover completely. But those who were severely ill in coma may develop some brain damage resulting in motor impairment and mental retardation. Some recovered children may do school work at a slower rate due to inattention and memory problems.

Saturday April 3: Drink slowly — and not too cold

Another Look

Apology expert at cabinet meeting

By Robert Younkum

"Gentlemen, there has been so much fudging around here recently that I decided to invite the eminent psychiatrist, Dr. Aaron Baron, to attend our cabinet meetings. Dr. Baron, who is author of *Making and Accepting Apologies*, will help clear up all the personal conflicts that are harming this administration. OK, you're oo. Dr. Baron."

"Thank you President Reagan. Now, to illustrate my modus operandi, I'd like to — 'Your what, Aaron?' asked Secretary of State Haig."

"Modus operandi, General Haig. It means 'way of proceeding.' Incidentally, one doesn't address a psychiatrist by his first name. We must maintain a distance from our patients."

"That's OK by me, Baroo. By the way, please call me 'mister Secretary,' not 'Geor-al.'"

"I apologize, Mister Secretary. And please call me Doctor Baron."

"Apologies accepted, Doctor Baron." "There, gentlemen," said the psychiatrist, "we have had a classic example of conflict resolution, the key to which is the making and accepting of apologies. Another classic example was the public apology made by David Stockman four months ago and the president's acceptance of it."

"Now then," Dr. Baron continued, "let's look at some more recent apologies. There have been three within the past week. First, Senator Packwood apologized to the president for saying that he had some senators are 'oo a totally different track.' He said that the president responded to a serious criticism of the budget deficit with an anecdote about a man buying vodka with food stamps."

"It was a cheap shot," the president said, "especially from a fellow Republican."

"That's an understandable reaction, but how did you feel after Senator Packwood apologized the next day?"

"I was still pretty upset, and I said so."

"And there was your big mistake, Mr. President. You must accept and forget. That's the only way to end all this fudging. For example, at the same time you apologized to Senator Baker for criticizing Republicans in Congress. Did you expect Senator Baker to accept that apology?"

"Of course."

"Then don't you think that Senator Packwood expected the same thing from you?"

"Gee, I guess so. I'd never thought of it

that way."

"Exactly. Now let's take another apology made last week, involving James Baker, your chief of staff, who is sitting on my left. Do you want to tell us about it, Mr. Baker?"

"Sure. Representative Gingrich, the Republican from Georgia, criticized me for saying that we'd lose seats in the next election. He said I'd damaged the party. Later, after he heard how angry I was, he wrote a letter of apology."

"How do you feel about all that, Mr. Baker?"

"What can you expect from a Georgia congressman?"

"No, that won't do, Mr. Baker! Tell us how you felt before and after the apology."

"Before the apology I would like to have brokeo his neck. After the apology I would have settled for snapping an arm or two."

"See? The same problem again! If apologies in this administration aren't accepted, and accepted totally, from the heart, then feuds will continue and multiply. And injuries, whether real or assumed, will fester."

At that moment all heads turned toward Secretary of State Haig and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

"Ah, I see that you all knew where I was going next," Dr. Baron said. "Well, what about it, gentlemen? Your disputes have been widely publicized. They have hurt the administration. Couldn't we break this harmful pattern if you each accepted the other's apologies?"

"What apologies?" Weinberger exploded. "I've never had an apology from Al Nor one!"

"Ditto," Haig sneered, "and in my case it's worse because he's the one who's always been wrong."

"I've been wrong?" Weinberger shouted. "That's a laugh! What about the Middle East? What about Central America? What about missiles for Europe? What about —"

It took all of the power and persuasiveness of the president to halt the argument. "Well, gentlemen," Dr. Baron said, looking at his watch, "my time is up. I'll see you next week at the same time. Until then, don't forget to make apologies wholeheartedly and to accept them in the same fashion."

"The way things are going around here," he added as he stood up, "you'll be getting a lot of practice."

Sunday April 4:

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Senate panel rejects MX basing proposal

WASHINGTON, March 30 (R) — The Senate Armed Services Committee has rejected President Ronald Reagan's plans for the production and location of the controversial MX nuclear missile, according to congressional sources. The sources said the committee Monday voted in secret to reject Reagan's proposal to base 40 of the powerful and accurate new missiles temporarily in

U.S. withholds arms for Taipei

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — The administration of Ronald Reagan, caught up in delicate negotiations with China, is holding back a \$60 million arms sale package for Taipei even though it appears to have strong support in Congress.

The principal hang-up over the spare parts sale is China's insistence that the United States explicitly rule out selling advanced weapons to Taipei and at the same time affirm that the pending parts sale would not be a violation of China's sovereignty.

Talks between the United States and China have been under way in Peking for 2½ months. "It's turning out to be as tough as drafting the Shanghai Communiqué," said a former U.S. official, who helped set China policy under former President Carter.

Ironically, the Peking government, by all indications, is prepared to let the parts sale itself go through. And in Congress, where a majority appears to favor strong ties with China there is almost no inclination to cut off Taipei completely. "I don't know anyone who's against it," said an aide to a key house member.

Volcano kills 12 in Mexico

PICHUCALCO, Mexico, March 30 (Agencies) — At least 12 persons were killed and 80 injured when a volcano erupted and spewed heavy ash over a wide area of south-eastern Mexico, municipal sources said Tuesday. Press reports said several towns were isolated by the mounting ash from the 1,340-meter Chichón volcano near Pichucalco, 885 kms southeast of Mexico City.

Aviation authorities said the region's two largest airports, at Villahermosa and Tuxtla Gutierrez, were forced to close because the ash blocked visibility. The National Geophysics Institute said the volcano began to erupt

existing Minuteman missile silos.

With committee chairman John Tower, an influential Texas Republican, behind the move, it appeared almost inevitable that Pentagon planners will be forced back to the drawing board again to seek an acceptable plan for basing the missile.

The sources said the panel followed a recommendation by its Strategic Weapons Subcommittee which voted last week to cut from the 1983 budget \$700 million requested for the interim basing plan and \$1.5 billion the president sought to begin production of the missile next year.

Tower and other committee members say they do not oppose the new missile but are determined not to fund the program fully until a permanent basing scheme is devised to give it a good chance of surviving a surprise nuclear strike by the Soviet Union.

Reagan promised during his election campaign to end what he called the vulnerability of U.S. land-based missiles to a Soviet attack. But last year he rejected a proposal by his predecessor Jimmy Carter that about 200 MX missiles should be produced and that they should be shifted around between a maze of desert shelters to confuse the Soviet Union.

Instead Reagan proposed to produce 100 missiles, basing 40 of them temporarily in existing silos while a permanent basing scheme was devised. This plan was criticized strongly by Tower and others, who said Reagan had failed to close what is known as the "vulnerability window."

Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia, a committee member, said deploying the 10-warhead MX in silos that now hold less powerful and less accurate missiles would simply create a more inviting target for a first strike.

The committee Monday asked the Pentagon to say when a permanent basing scheme for the MX would be devised,

Too much sunlight causes skin cancer, scientist says

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, March 30 (R) — Too much sunlight not only causes skin cancer, it hinders the body's attempts to kill the disease off once it starts, a scientist with the U.S. National Cancer Institute said. Immunologist Margaret Kripke told a science writers' conference Monday that the ultraviolet light which produces a suntan and helps cause skin cancer also suppresses the body's immune system, inhibiting its ability to kill tumors naturally.

She said her results provided strong evidence that the body's immune system, which fights off assaults by bacteria and viruses, was also responsible for keeping sunlight-damaged cells from turning into tumors. But once the ultraviolet radiation damaged the immune system, the cancer began to grow unchecked, she added. She was speaking at the 24th annual science writers' seminar, sponsored this week by the American Cancer Society.

Another scientist at the meeting, biologist Robert Weinberg, said researchers had new evidence on the process in which one tiny part of a cell turns the whole unit cancerous. Only one of the million segments of DNA — the "master-molecule" which programs growth — in a cell is responsible for turning it into a wildly dividing cancer cell, new studies were showing.

Weinberg said a single DNA segment might be capable of causing cancer in more than one organ of the body, and that this probably happened when the organs potentially affected had developed from the same mass of tissue in the embryo.

Microbiologist Ingegerd Hellstrom told the conference of experiments to develop a new technique for carrying radiation directly to the site of a cancer. She said three patients with terminal cancer had been given large doses of radioactive iodine attached to chemicals known as monoclonal antibodies, which bind to individual tumor cells and largely ignore health cells.

Indian papers play up Gandhi feud

NEW DELHI, March 30 (Agencies) — The rift between Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her widowed daughter-in-law, Maneka, was splashed over the front pages of Indian newspapers Tuesday.

Differences between the two women, rumored frequently following the death of Sanjay Gandhi in a plane crash in June 1980, climaxed Monday night with Maneka's decision to leave the prime minister's house to be on her own.

The two had clashed over Maneka's presence at a Youth Congress conference in Lucknow Sunday, organized by political friends of her late husband. The prime minister had said the meeting was anti-party and she disapproved of her daughter-in-law's attendance.

"It is a telling commentary on the decadence of Indian politics that family quarrels of persons in power are projected as issues of great consequence to the nation," the *Indian Express* newspaper said in an editorial.

Maneka, 27, and her son left Mrs. Gandhi's house Monday night and stayed overnight in a motel. Observers have said the rift, which now seemed total, might have serious political implications for the future of the ruling

Congress Party, which Mrs. Gandhi heads.

The *National Herald* newspaper, considered close to Mrs. Gandhi, said Maneka had been swayed by Mrs. Gandhi's political foes. "From the prime minister's side, it was an open choice for Maneka — to part company with the conspirators or leave the prime minister's house," the paper said.

It accused Maneka's mother, Mrs. Amteshwar Anand, of associating with the right-wing Hindu militant organization Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (national volunteer corps).

Almost all the city newspapers carried photographs of Maneka leaving the prime minister's residence. Meanwhile, former foreign minister and a leader of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party, Atal Behari Vajpayee, said the developments "show how rattled Mrs. Indira Gandhi has become at the first faint sign of a revolt in her own household."

Maneka's late husband, Sanjay Gandhi, was the son of Indira Gandhi and her political lieutenant and heir apparent. He died in a stunt plane crash in June, 1980, and his major political role has been taken over by his surviving brother, Rajiv Gandhi, 37.

Chariots of Fire best film Fonda, Hepburn win Oscars

HOLLYWOOD, March 30 (Agencies) — Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda, the still-in-Jove oldsters of *On Golden Pond*, were hailed as best actress and actor of 1981 at the 54th Oscar Awards.

Chariots of Fire, the British-made saga of the 1924 Olympic games, scored a smashing surprise Monday night as best picture of the year. It won three other awards for best musical score, costume design and original script.

Warren Beatty, nominated in four categories for the heavily favored *Reds*, won only as best director. His film of American radicalism and the Russian revolution also won for supporting actress Maureen Stapleton as the firebrand radical Emma Goldman and for cinematography Vittorio Storaro.

John Gielgud, the wisecracking gentleman's gentleman to a millionaire tipster in *Arthur*, was selected as best supporting actor.

For Miss Hepburn, 74, it was a record fourth Oscar as best actress. For Fonda, 76, it was the climax of a 48-year film career during which the Oscar eluded him — except for an honorary award last year. Too ill to attend the festivities, Fonda designated daughter Jane to accept the award. After the ceremony, Fonda's wife, Shirley, told reporters outside their Bel-Air home: "He just burst into tears. He's so emotional."

Miss Hepburn followed her pattern of 11 previous nominations and did not attend. She was in Washington touring in the play *West Side Walks*, written by Ernest Thompson, author of *On Golden Pond*. Thompson also won an Oscar for his *Pond* screenplay.

Raiders of the Lost Ark, a tongue-in-cheek adventure patterned after Cliffhanger serials of the 1940s, had the most Oscars with five: art direction, visual effects, editing, and sound, in addition to a special achievement award for sound effects. *Chariots of Fire* had four and *Reds* and *On Golden Pond* had three each.

The Hungarian-made *Mephisto* won as best foreign-language film over competition that included the Polish *Man of Iron*, a film about the Solidarity labor movement.

The following is the list of the Oscar Award winners:

Best Picture: *Chariots of Fire* (British, directed by Hugh Hudson).

Director: Warren Beatty for *Reds*.

Actor: Henry Fonda in *On Golden Pond*.

Actress: Katharine Hepburn in *On Golden Pond*.

Actor in supporting role: John Gielgud in *Arthur*.

Actress in supporting role: Maureen Stapleton in *Reds*.

Foreign language film: *Mephisto* (Hungary, directed by Istvan Szabo).

Original screenplay: Colin Welland for *Chariots of Fire*.

Adapted screenplay: Ernest Thompson for *On Golden Pond*.

Cinematography: Vittorio Storaro for *Reds*.

Sound: Bill Varney, Steve Maslow, Greg Landaker, Roy Charman for *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Film editing: Michael Kahn, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Original song: *Arthur*'s theme song, "The Best That You Can Do."

Original score: Vangelis for *Chariots of Fire*.

Set decoration: Norman Reynolds, Leslie Dilley, Michael Ford for *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Costume design: Milena Canonero for *Chariots of Fire*.

Makeup: Rick Baker for *An American Werewolf in London*.

Documentary feature: *Genocide*.

Documentary short subject: *Close Harmony*.

Short subject: *Violet*.

Animated short subject: *Croc*.

Special Oscars: Barbara Stanwyck, Danny Kaye, Albert Broccoli, Joseph Walker and the Japanese film company Fuji.

S. Korean call rejected

TOKYO, March 30 (R) — North Korea Tuesday dismissed South Korea's latest request for high-level talks in preparation for a summit between the leaders of the divided nation, the North Korean Central News Agency reported.

It said the official newspaper *Rodong Sinmun* carried a commentary, under the title "Dog Barking at the Moon, as the first reaction to Seoul's renewed proposal last Friday for talks this month in Seoul, Pyongyang or Panmunjom.

The South Korean government originally urged North Korea on Feb. 25 to hold talks on a summit between South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan and North Korean President Kim Il-Sung aimed at normalizing bilateral relations.



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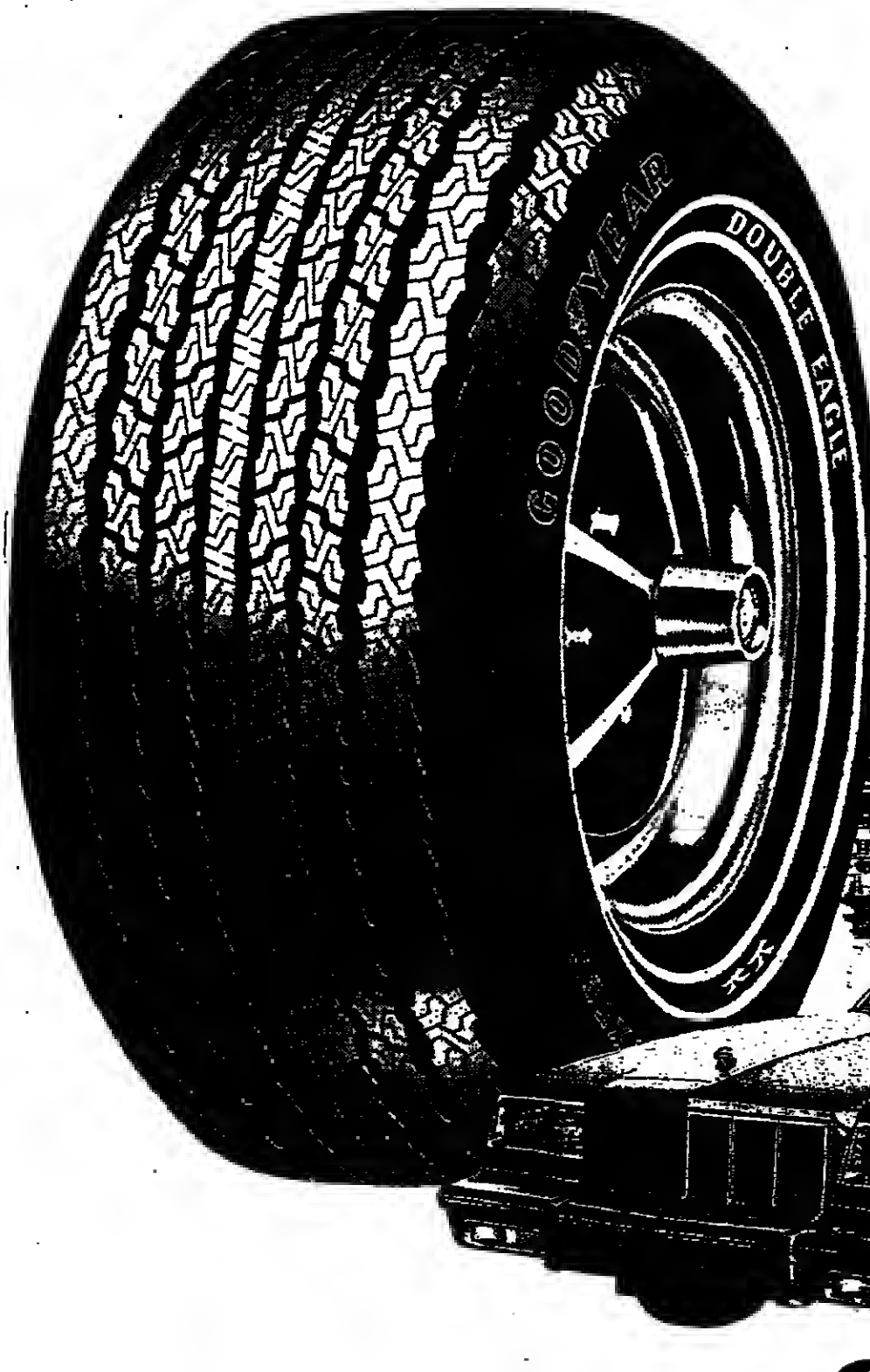
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Victims of oil glut

Supertankers sailing toward scrap heap

LONDON, March 30, (R) — Many of the world's supertankers, the controversial giants of the seaways, are sailing toward the scrap heap as the world oil glut takes its toll.

For the bargain price of \$2.5 million, the U.S. Exxon company last week sold its 215,000 deadweight tons (DWT) French-flag tanker *Esso Bretagne* to a scrap dealer in Taiwan.

The *Bretagne* was one of four such Exxon vessels built during the big tanker boom of the 1970s that were sold last week to Taiwanese or South Korean dealers for the value of their recycled metal.

British Petroleum's shipping director, Ronald Ilian, has described the tanker market as disastrous and said that some oil companies might have to consider selling off their fleets and instead chartering ships to suit their needs to save money.

Ilian told the International Maritime Industry Forum here recently that about one-third of the entire world fleet of tankers was surplus to requirements, which he said was an amount equal to 120 million DWT.

He calculated that the supertankers, known in trade jargon as Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCC), were earning under charter arrangements on average almost 25 percent less than it cost to operate them.

Ilian said it was unlikely that crude oil output by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), now at the lowest levels since the 1960s and a major source of business for the tankers, would pick up much this year.

Tanker brokers operating here said that the best way to end the market's present depressed state was to take as many ships as possible out of service.

They said that only about 26 supertankers had been "fixed" or provided with cargoes for the month of March, for example, while an estimated 40 ships were available for chartering, an indication of how poorly the oil trade is doing at present.

About 20 to 24 million DWT of supertankers, equal to between 80 and 96 ships of 250,000 tons each, have been laid up because of the lack of cargoes. British Petroleum alone has 14 vessels idled in Brunei, its east Asian lay-up center, and expects the number to rise to 21 by the end of the year.

In Ilian's gloomy view, the surplus of supertankers is likely to last at least for the next five years, although smaller sized tankers in the 100,000-DWT range could return to profitability within two or three years.

He estimated that a quarter of all tankers needed to be eliminated to mop up the surplus tonnage of ships presently available and to keep the new tankers under construction

from compounding the problem.

But a working party of the industry forum, which is made up of tanker owners, their bankers and other shipping interests, found that it was not as simple as it seemed to get rid of the surplus ships.

The group found that owners were reluctant to demolish the ships with the sale price of scrap metal currently at low levels while the cost of the actual crumpling of the tankers and moving them to the junk heap remained high. In 1981 only 39 supertankers were scrapped, representing only five percent of the entire fleet now afloat.

Some of these ships have become obsolescent because of age or improving standards for safety and pollution, but by 1985-86 this obsolescence is going to become massive, according to the group.

They called on shipowners, oil companies and governments to scrap older ships, bar further chartering for the moment and implement new and higher international standards.

New bid to salvage sea talks

NEW YORK, March 30 (AP) — Delegates to a U.N. conference drafting a general sea-law treaty got a high-level proposal Monday that the treaty guarantee seabed mining sites to seven "pioneer investors" deemed ready for such mining, provided only that their countries sign the treaty and they themselves pay a registration fee of \$500,000 each.

Tommy Koh of Singapore, president of the U.N. conference on the law of the sea, and Paul Bamela Engo of Cameroon, chairman of its committee on the international seabed area, put the compromise proposal before a

U.S. spells stand on coffee pact

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — The United States has called for annually set basic export quotas in its first statement on a new world coffee pact, being negotiated by the 73-nation International Coffee Organization.

The U.S. delegation, led by Rollin DePrager of the office of the trade adviser to the president, said such a quota should be based on average export performance of ICO member nations over a period of time to be negotiated.

The proposal was made at a meeting of the council's 16-nation executive called to revise the economic rules of the international coffee agreement.

2-day strike cripples life in Bolivia

LA PAZ, March 30 (R) — Bolivia appeared virtually paralyzed by a 2-day strike which began Monday in protest at cost of living increases and following the deaths of six workers in a street demonstration last week.

In La Paz, public transport came to a standstill when drivers and other employees heeded the strike call by the banned Bolivian Workers Federation (COB), which grouped almost all workers until outlawed following a military coup in July, 1980.

All shops were closed and bank employees, who Monday were supposedly working behind closed doors on adjustments to the banking system, walked out of their offices soon after arrival.

Telephone and telegraph links from La Paz to the rest of the country were interrupted as state-owned telecommunications company workers stopped work. It was impossible to contact other parts of the country to ascertain whether workers in Bolivia's vital tin mining industry kept to a pledge to paralyze private and public sector mines. School children were also sent home from state-run schools.

meeting of Engo's committee for action later. It had originated in a working group chaired by both.

The printed proposal set forth intended rules for allocation of sites for exploration for, and mining of, seabed nodules containing manganese, nickel, copper and cobalt.

The number of pioneer investors in such mining is "likely to be small, not exceeding seven," the proposal said. It added that the preparatory commission to function before the treaty takes effect should reserve an area for each qualified pioneer investor and a matching area for the international enterprise that will also do seabed mining, so as to give the enterprise itself seven areas.

The proposal specified that each pioneer investor should pay a \$500,000 registration fee and that "the door for the entry of pioneer investors" should be closed Jan. 1, 1983.

"The pioneer investor shall have the exclusive right to carry out pioneering activities in the pioneer area allocated to him," it said.

When the treaty enters into force, it added, the pioneer investor may apply for a contract of exploration and exploitation to the International Seabed Authority that will control seabed mining and "such applications shall be approved by the authority."

The proposal did not identify the seven prospective "pioneer investors." But presumably they were those that appear on a list of "major deep sea mining investors" prepared by the U.N.

World Bank survey shows

Kuwait tops world in per capita income

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — The richest people in the world are the 127,000 Kuwaitis, a survey by the World Bank says. The average annual income of a Kuwaiti in 1979, the latest year for which there are comparable figures, was \$20,250 — nearly twice as much as the U.S. average of \$10,610. Kuwaitis also get free health service.

The Kuwaitis were followed by the Swiss — \$15,360 — a year, next came West Germans \$12,200, Danes \$12,000, Norwegians \$11,230, and Belgians \$11,020.

All of these were above the U.S. average. The World Bank's system of measuring wealth is to take a country's gross national product — the market value of all the goods and services it produces in a year — and divide that by the number of citizens. This figure takes no account of health, education, taxes, housing, climate or any other aspect of the quality of life.

The World Bank also measured the rate of growth in the 1970s, and found that by the same standard Saudi Arabia was making the most rapid progress, increasing the average citizen's income at the rate of 9.6

percent a year. The Saudi Arabian average for 1979 was \$9,960. Kuwait's growth averaged 1.4 percent a year over the decade, and the United States 2.8 percent.

Income was also reported increasing rapidly in Lesotho, a small republic entirely surrounded by South Africa, where the average was still only \$370 a year, but reported going up by 9.5 percent annually. The World Bank said, however, that these figures are tentative.

Rapid progress — 9.2 percent a year — was also claimed by Romania, though the average Romanian was still getting only about \$2,100 a year. The World Bank study, contained in what it calls its 1981 "Atlas," also gives the warning sign of "tentative" to the estimates given for the Communist countries.

The Soviet Union stands 27th on the world list, with an average income of \$4,040 a year per citizen — between Greece with \$4,140 and Trinidad and Tobago with \$3,910. The Soviets claim a comparatively rapid growth rate of 4.4 percent a year.

For a whole group of countries with Communist governments — Albania,

Cuba, Cambodia, North Korea, Laos, Mongolia and Vietnam — the bank says figures are not available. This is also the case for Iran, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Somalia.

Among those for which it does make estimates, the poorest is Bhutan — the little mountain kingdom on India's northeast frontier — for which it says the figures are also tentative. The Bhutanese earned only \$80 a year, and his income was supposedly going down by one-tenth of 1 percent — what is, about eight cents — a year. Bangladesh was only a little better off, with an average income per citizen of \$110 a year. The World Bank found income going downhill in a score of countries, though it admitted uncertainty about the statistics available from many of them.

It reported the worst situation from the Marxist Republic of Mozambique; the former Portuguese colony on Africa's southeast coast, where the average income of \$250 a year was said to be declining by 5.3 percent annually. Ugandans had a \$290 income that was declining at a rate of 3.5 percent.

Seychelles, U.S. sign oil hunt deal

VICTORIA, Seychelles, March 30 (AP) — The Seychelles and the American giant Amoco have agreed to a further phase of exploration for oil deposits in the waters off this Indian Ocean archipelago, the *Nation* newspaper reported Monday.

The government-owned daily said the contract was signed Sunday by Maxime Ferrari, the Seychelles minister for planning and development, and Amoco's negotiator for Africa and the Middle East, Peter C. Quoyeser.

The *Nation* said the Amoco representative presented Ferrari with a check for 3.2 million Seychelles rupees — (about \$500,000) as a bonus.

Over the next few months Amoco is to conduct surveys in the seabed around the islands of the Seychelles, about 1,000 miles (1,600 kms) off the east coast of Africa. The company is to map out 25 blocks of 680 square kilometers (272 square miles) each and drill five boreholes.

The newspaper said, without elaborating, that this new agreement is much better than one signed with Amoco in June 1977. An Amoco drilling vessel left the Seychelles last June after a year of surveying, during which three holes were drilled.

An Amoco spokesman said the data collected during that time was very promising, and that is why the company sought renewal of the contract.

IADB opposes U.S. proposal

CARTAGENA, Colombia, March 30 (R) — The governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) have disagreed over a U.S. proposal to tighten the terms on which the international body lends money to Latin America.

Senior IADB officials said the bank's 23rd annual assembly, which began in this Caribbean resort Monday, is likely to postpone the decision it faces on financial arrangements for 1983-86.

Conference sources said the committee of the board of governors, which met at the weekend to prepare for the three-day assembly, had failed to reach agreement, notably on proposals by the United States.

The U.S. wants to redirect IADB lending toward projects with greater economic return, and to reclassify some countries now listed in the "D" or poorest category, effectively making borrowing more expensive for them.

The committee said it would meet again in West Berlin on July 1-2. The IADB groups 25 Latin American states, the U.S., Japan and 16 European countries.

Some members of the committee argued that the U.S. proposal to reclassify some countries would make it impossible for them to obtain funds from the bank for health and education.

The United States has also proposed that the proportion of paid-in, as opposed to callable, capital in the bank should be reduced. Other delegates said this would limit the IADB's capacity to obtain funds on international capital markets, leading to an

increase in the cost of lending.

The IADB last year lent \$2.49 billion to Latin America, an increase of eight percent on the previous year.

In his opening address Monday, IADB president Antonio Ortiz Mena said that given the projects already in the pipeline, there would be demand for around \$3 billion annually in the coming years.

Figures released with the bank's annual report show that Latin American economy grew as a whole by only one percent last year after 5.7 percent in 1980 and 6.1 percent in 1979. The decline was attributed to high energy costs and the increasing proportion of government budgets needed to pay foreign debts.


Ortiz Mena told the delegates that "As an extension of the economic slowdown which began in the middle of the 1970s, Latin America experienced economic stagnation, even a small contraction, in 1981."

Turkey hints at joining EEC

ISTANBUL, March 30 (R) — Turkey, now an associate EEC member, will apply for full membership when the domestic political situation improves, Foreign Minister Turgut Ozal said at a business symposium.

"It is the clear policy of our government that, when the political situation permits, Turkey will apply for full membership of the EEC," Ozal said.

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Despite market manipulations

OPEC aide sees end to oil glut

COPENHAGEN, March 30 (AP) — The secretary-general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said here Monday the world oil market is bound to stabilize when the big oil companies have unloaded their large stockpiles.

Marc Nan Nguema told a privately organized energy conference the oil companies and some non-OPEC oil-producing countries are trying to manipulate the market right now, but that they are bound to fail in the face of OPEC's strength.

Nguema said oil is being dumped on the world market from stockpiles at a rate of 5 million barrels a day. But this, he said, would come to an end within a couple of months when the stockpiles cannot be reduced further without upsetting the system.

Attempts by some oil companies to take advantage of Nigeria's economic situation to force down the price of Nigerian crude were doomed to fail from the onset, Nguema said.

Nguema said OPEC needed no "promises" or "guarantees" by oil companies that they would refrain from pressuring Nigeria or any other OPEC member because "we are the strongest."

He said he had not been advised of the desire by any member country for another emergency OPEC ministerial meeting. But he noted that OPEC has a standing committee watching developments and in a position to call a meeting at very short notice.

Nguema addressed a conference organized by the Scandinavian Conference Board and the Copenhagen business daily *Boersen*. He also made some of his remarks to a subsequent news conference.

The OPEC secretary-general described the current OPEC benchmark prices, including that of Nigeria, as realistic. He said price reductions by some non-OPEC producers, including those operating in the North Sea, are an "overcompensation" after the same producers "over exaggerated" the market situation in 1979 by increasing their prices over OPEC's.

"But we feel we can manage the market, reducing output further if need be," Nguema said. He was confident that OPEC could

Cotton talks focus on prices

GENEVA, March 30 (R) — Third World cotton producers and major consuming countries began talks Tuesday about regulating trade and prices, which fell by a third last year.

The informal consultations, expected to last all week, will focus on United Nations proposals for an international agreement to promote cotton sales and stabilize the commodity's prices on world markets through frequent producer-consumer consultations.

A bumper harvest and slack demand because of recession in the European and

handle any situation, also accommodating Iran's and Iraq's possible full return to the market.

In an unrelated development, Mexico, the world's fourth largest oil producer, has not ruled out a price cut for its exports next month, a spokesman for the Mexican oil monopoly Pemex said Monday.

The spokesman said Pemex was reviewing its crude prices for April. "The price may go down, stay the same or go up. We have made no final determination yet," he told Reuters.

At the beginning of March Mexico slashed the price of its top-quality "Isthmus" oil exports by \$2.50 to \$32.50 a barrel and cut its heavy "Mayan" oil price by \$1.50 to \$25 a barrel.

North American clothing industries lowered the cotton price from about \$2.09 a kg (95 cents a pound) to about \$1.41 a kg (64 cents a pound) last year.

This hit the economies of Third World producers, which rely heavily on cotton although they are small compared with the two major growers, the United States and the Soviet Union.

States such as Egypt, Sudan, and Nicaragua earn more than 25 percent of export income from cotton and for Chad it accounts for more than 70 percent.

The Imir group of 18 poor countries that grow one-third of world traded cotton says it will set up its own producers' alliance if no agreement is found, sources at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said.

They are insisting any agreement should include provisions for stabilizing prices, something the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC) oppose, they said.

UNCTAD has been trying to find a compromise since talks between producers and consumers broke up last May.

The Imir group plans a meeting in April in Nigeria that could lead to a producers' alliance if no progress is made here.

Japan to offer more trade concessions

TOKYO, March 30 (R) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said Tuesday that Japan would have to offer new trade concessions to its Western trading partners before the June summit meeting of industrial powers is held in France.

Telling reporters that new proposals to encourage imports from the West could be made in mid-May, Finance Minister Michio Watanabe quoted Suzuki as saying at a cabinet meeting: "We will have to consider a second package which will be more substantial before the summit."

Both the United States and the European Common Market have made it clear that they regard a previous package of measures, which included reductions in import tariffs on 1,653 items, as inadequate in view of Japan's huge surpluses with the West.

According to Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuruchi, who visited Washington last week, President Ronald Reagan wants Japan to open its market further before the June summit of seven major industrial nations to be held at Versailles.

U.S. deficits seen blocking recovery

WASHINGTON, March 30 (R) — High interest rates and big federal budget deficits in the United States are threatening the expected recovery from recession and hurting foreign economies, Congressional analysts have said.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said if U.S. deficits and interest rates stayed high "there is a substantial risk that the economy cannot sustain a recovery" forecast for later this year.

The non-partisan CBO said in a report prepared for the Senate Budget Committee that West Germany and Britain were both in severe recessions, while Japan was experiencing lower growth than in previous years.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates remain stable

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 30 — The American currency continued to remain firm on the Tuesday exchanges despite some technical adjustments and profit-taking moves by dealers who felt that the dollar had risen too high. Eurodollar deposit rates continued to firm with the one-month rate now reaching levels of 15 7/16-15 9/16 percent compared with Monday's 15 3/16-15 5/16 percent levels.

In the United States, several leading U.S. commercial banks jacked up their broker loan rates to 16 percent from 14 3/4 percent levels and the money markets were expecting further such moves, especially on the prime lending rate front with prime rates now at 16-16 1/2 percent.

In New York, Federal Reserve "Fed fund" lending rates closed at the highest level yet for the past two weeks, to trade at nearly 15 1/2 percent compared with 13 1/2 percent one week ago. Dealers are beginning to privately wonder if dollar rates are approaching their peaks or have some way to go yet, but it is certainly true that the dollar's recent climb on the exchange markets are primarily due to interest rate factors.

In the bullion markets gold's fortune seemed to revive with prices reaching \$327 an ounce against Monday's \$318. The rise started in New York on Monday night, but dealers were still hesitant to call it a sustained revival. In the local markets, rial rates remained stable in the short tenors but there were slight increases in the medium term tenors of about 1/4 to 1/2 percent.

In the European exchanges Tuesday, the

Swiss franc fell back to 1.9425 from 1.9300 opening levels after some further cuts in Swiss interest rates of 1/2 percent. The German mark was also weaker at 2.4165 from 2.4090 levels with renewed concern over cuts in German interest rates. The French currency was stable, however, at 6.2800 levels Tuesday compared with 6.2800 levels Monday and the European Monetary System realignment issue seems to have receded into the background again for the French franc. The yen was helped by statements from Tokyo to the effect that the Central Bank of Japan will defend the yen against any further falls, and the yen stabilized at 246.50 levels compared to Monday's 248.00 levels. Sterling was also weak at 1.7803 levels but rises in short-term U.K. interest rates helped the pound to stabilize at 1.7810 levels.

In the local exchanges, the spot rial-dollar rate opened at 3.4203-08 level but soon rose to 3.4205-12 levels by mid-afternoon in some active trading. In the money markets, the one-month JIBOR rate remained unchanged compared to Monday levels of 14-14 1/2 percent but there was a slight rise in the medium tenors to take the three-month rate to 14 1/4-14 1/2 percent. Week-fixed rates were also slightly up over Monday rates to trade at 13 3/4-14 1/2 percent.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	324.875
Paris	329.97
Frankfurt	327.97
Zurich	325.50
Hong Kong	328.48

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The World Bank has announced loans to three countries, totaling \$150.5 million. South Korea gets \$100 million, Tunisia \$30.5 million and Morocco \$20 million.

LONDON (AP) — The top U.S. marine safety official said Tuesday that the U.S. coastguard would withdraw its inspection teams from all overseas ports and rely instead on the assessments of international agencies. Speaking at the sea trade publications annual conference here, Rear Admiral Clyde Lusk, the coastguard's chief officer for merchant marine safety, said the move was part of a new, pragmatic approach to marine safety regulations.

BRASILIA (AFP) — French Aerospace and Canadian Aerospace are vying for a Brazilian space communications satellite

contract. They have both submitted proposals and a decision, subject to Brazilian government approval, is expected April 5. Brazil plans to put two telecom satellites in orbit in 1985 and keep one in reserve. The system as a whole will cost around \$200 million.

MAZARA DEL VALLO, Sicily, (AP) — Tunisians seized an Italian fishing boat in the Straits of Sicily on Tuesday in a continuing "fish war" pitting Sicilian fishermen against north African authorities. Officials in this Sicilian port said the boat *Ereina*, with a crew of six, was boarded and forced into a Tunisian port on the grounds it was fishing in Tunisian territorial waters.

PARIS, (AFP) — A French firm is marketing a new type of shoe fitted with a ball-bearing valve, said to counter most of the effects of sweaty feet and give the wearer the impression of walking on deep pile carpeting. Chausures Noel, of Vitry in Brittany, has already booked orders for the new "breathing" shoe totaling about \$1,600,000.

BLAINE, (AFP) — Twenty-two truckloads of oil exploration equipment destined for the Soviet Union were seized by customs officials near the Canadian border at the week-end. Officials said that their export documents were currently being studied by the Department of Commerce.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	279.00
Canadian Dollar	142.50	141.85	141.85
Deutsche Mark (100)	128.50	128.00	128.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.40	3.77	3.77
Egyptian Pound	93.00	92.20	92.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	55.50	55.00	55.00
French Franc (100)	52.50	54.60	54.60
Greek Drachma (1,000)	1.130	—	36.55
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	26.50	25.90	25.90
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	—	13.95
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.91	9.75	9.75
Jordanian Dinar	12.00	11.95	11.95
Kuwaiti Dinar	70.00	69.40	69.40
Lebanese Lira (100)	57.00	58.10	58.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	30.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	41.35
Philippines Peso (100)	6.15	6.10	6.10
Pound Sterling	94.00	94.10	94.10
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	—	160.65
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	32.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	177.00	176.70	176.70
Swiss Franc (100)	57.00	63.50	63.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	34.25	34.22	34.22
U.S. Dollar	74.90	74.90	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

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Gold kg.	36,300	36,100
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'Save Laker' fund to be returned

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — More than 20,000 people who chipped in to a fund to save Sir Freddie Laker when his airline business collapsed last month are to be sent their money back, fund organizers have reported.

The decision to wind up the fund was announced after Laker met with the organizers and his bankers Monday. Laker refused to say how much money was collected, but earlier estimates put the figure at 1 million pounds (\$1.78 million).

Kay Hardy, the wife of a hotelier who launched the fund, said she had "no idea" how much money was collected from thousands of supporters of Laker's low-fare Skytrain. She started it within hours of the announcement that Laker's independent

airline had foundered with debts of 270-million pounds (\$480.6 million).

A spokesman for Laker said: "All the money will be refunded correctly. But it's very likely Sir Freddie will not reveal how much was in the rescue fund."

"Everybody who sent money in was asked for their name and address so all the money could be returned if necessary," Mrs. Hardy said. "All we can do now is wish Sir Freddie every success and hope there might be a chance of resurrecting him again."

Laker last week abandoned plans to launch a "people's airline" with Roland "Tiny" Rowland, head of the Lonrho trading conglomerate, and set up office as an aviation consultant.

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In thrilling NCAA final

Tar Heels' Jordan tilts the scale

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 30 — Tar Heels' freshman Micheal Jordan popped from 16 feet as 15 seconds lit up the scoreboard clock before 61,612 fans at the Louisiana Superdome Monday night. The rest, as they say, is history.

So, packed away into the archives of college basketball is a thrilling account of North Carolina's scrambling to its second NCAA tourney title, beating 63-62 a Georgetown team that should have won it all. The No. 1-ranked Tar Heels, favored by a point and a half, gave Dean Smith his first NCAA title in 21 years of coaching and seven trips to the Final Four, the most recent being last year against eventual champion Indiana.

It was a game of astounding basketball and mesmerizing drama. It came down to a calm timeout amid the din of a record crowd; a jump shot from a youngster who's normally out of the spotlight; and a heart-breaking turnover that's probably kept one Georgetown Hoyas awake for a while.

Along the way were sterling performances by two awesome big men — Tar Heels' James Worthy and Hoyas' Patrick Ewing. Worthy

wound up with a game-high 28 points and was the pick of the playoffs as most valuable. Freshman Ewing, a seven-footer with the outside touch of a feather and the inside power of a pro, had 23 points and 11 rebounds.

He also accounted indirectly for 10 of the Tar Heels' first dozen or so points, leaping high to bat away shots from Worthy and Sam Perkins, who wound up with 10 points. Goal-tending calls early on illustrated the tension of the Hoyas, in their first championship game since they lost to Wyoming in 1943. The game never really settled down, both teams keeping close, but as the second half began with North Carolina down 32-31, Georgetown at least appeared confident of stopping the Tar Heels — except for Worthy.

He hit on 13 of 17 from the field, three of them dunks in a crowded, physical inside contest. Handling the rebounding chores for the Tar Heels were Jordan with nine, also picking up 16 points, and Perkins with seven. Worthy had four.

Despite, or maybe because of, the fast pace — only one stretch saw the famed North Carolina four-corner offense — and the furious exchange of baskets, it took an error to seal the Hoyas' fate. Coming up the floor

after Jordan's jumper, Fred Brown decided against calling the Hoyas' last timeout. He looked to his right and thought he saw Eric Smith maneuvering for a final shot. Tar Heels were scattered about, not really in position defensively. It didn't matter.

As the ball left Brown's hands Worthy flew by, intercepting and racing downcourt to be fouled. With two seconds on the clock, he missed the free throws, but it only mattered to the bookies and betters. Inbounds, Eric "Sleepy" Floyd let fly from 60 feet, but the ball didn't come close.

North Carolina had actually trailed most of the contest, finding itself on top 61-58 at 3:26 on the clock. Almost a minute later Ewing retaliated with his soft jumper, making it 61-60. Then Smith called for the four-corner stall. It worked, seeding Matt Doherty to the line with a one-and-one. Doherty, usually excellent from the line, slammed the ball against the back of the iron and Ewing came down with the rebound, 1:19 on the clock.

But Perkins and Worthy hugged the freshman tightly on defense fully expecting a loft inside. Floyd, who finished with 18 points, slipped past guard Jimmy Black and put his Hoyas back on top, 62-61. It was time for Jordan's heroics. And after Black's timeout with 25 seconds left, North Carolina lifted its winning play from a primer on beating the zone.

In a 1-3-1, Georgetown didn't shift quickly enough to cover Jordan from 16. The hall came back around, a Hoyas defense scrambling too late, and the freshman fired just like a calm Smith had instructed in a businesslike huddle seconds before.

Overall it was a classy contest between two teams who came to play basketball — physical basketball, yes. But also moving the ball, shooting, thundering up court — things that too often have been absent this college season. And it was a classy pair of coaches who embraced at the game's end. Good friends Smith and John Thompson had broad grins for each other before and after the match, and Smith, who's been touted as a master who couldn't win the big one, explained this highest win of his life as "lucky."

Iraq scrapes past UAE

By a Staff Writer
ABU DHABI, March 30 — Iraq kept its title-hopes alive in the Gulf Soccer Championships with a solitary goal victory over United Arab Emirates here Tuesday.

The victory took it back to the top of the table, from where it was displaced by Kuwait Monday, with nine points as it maintained a clean slate. UAE, which had begun with a flourish, suffered their third successive defeat and are placed fourth in the table.

The UAE started on the offensive and held a slight edge in the first half. Iraq goalkeeper Raad Hamoudi was outstanding in that period, bringing off many saves including a penalty.

After a goalless first half, Iraq came more into the picture and scored the only goal of the day in the 12th minute of the second half. The all-important goal was scored by Hussein Saeed, who had latched onto a Saad Jasim pass. The goal also enhanced Hussein Saeed's tally in the championship to five and made him the leading goalscorer. He has scored two more goals than second-placed Yusuf Suwayed of Kuwait.

	S	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Iraq	5	4	1	0	11	2	9
Kuwait	4	4	0	0	7	0	8
Bahrain	4	2	0	2	7	8	4
UAE	5	2	0	3	4	6	4
S. Arabia	4	1	1	2	2	3	3
Qatar	4	1	0	3	4	4	2
Oman	4	0	0	4	4	13	0

Johnson included in England's rugby team

LONDON, March 30 (Agencies) — England's selectors kept one name back Monday when they announced their party for the eight-match Rugby Union tour of Canada and the United States in May and June.

They were checking on the availability of O. Banks and have named only 25 of the expected 26 names. It was believed in Leicester that the selectors were after the 20-year-old wing who began his first-class career only last November. If he is selected then he will be joining four of his club colleagues in the party.

Not available for the tour were Hugh Davis, Mike Slemee and John Horroing. This left the selectors a bit short of standoffs and Gosforth's drop-goal expert David Johnson comes from a long way down to become the understudy of Les Cusworth. He is one of the five uncapped players in the squad, the others being Neil McDowell, another Gosforth man, Nigel Melville, standby for captain Steve Smith all this season, Wasps prop Paul Reedall and Gloucestershire forward John Gadd.

England feel that the power in the pack should be enough to ensure sweeping wins over Canada and the United States in the two internationals, for which caps are not being awarded. The team will be managed by chairman of selectors Budge Rogers and coached by Davis.

The team: Full backs: W. H. Hare, N.C. Stringer. Wing: J. Carleton, A. Swift, A.N. Other. Centers: R.C. Woodward, N. McDowell, A.O. Boff. Standoffs: L. Cus-

worth, D. Johnson. Scrum-halves: S.J. Smith, N. Melville. Props: C.E. Smart, P.M. Blake-way, G.S. Pearce, P. Rendall. Hookers: P.J. Wheeler, S.G.F. Mills. Locks: M.J. Colloch, J.P. Syddall, S.K. Bainbridge. Wing forwards: N.C. Jeavons, J. Gadd, P.J. Winterbottom, D.H. Cooke.

Meanwhile plans to launch a Rugby Union World Cup competition Moody was announced in London.

A group of British businessmen hope to stage the World Cup for the first time in 1985. The eight major rugby playing nations, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa all will be invited along with four of the next best teams, picked from a short list likely to comprise Argentina, Romania, Fiji, Japan, Tonga and the United States.

Neil Durden-Smith, spokesman for the group, said that the scheme still was far from finalized but added: "We are probably 50 percent of the way there." South Africa had been isolated from international rugby until last year, when it played test matches in New Zealand and the United States but its participation could cause controversy.

Durden-Smith, however, tried to play down the potential problems. "The difficulties over South Africa would have to be resolved by the international board," he said. Officially all the major rugby nations already have been contacted about the idea and it is expected that the formal launch of the competition will be proposed at the international

board meeting to be held in London next March. The men behind the scheme hope to have qualifying matches played throughout Britain with the final at Wembley stadium.

In Wellington, the New Zealand Rugby Union (NZRU) Monday refused to confirm or deny reports that it has reached a one-year "no-contacts" agreement with the South African Rugby Board.

NZRU chairman Cez Blazey would only confirm he had held confidential talks with his South African counterpart, Danie Craveo. "To reveal the nature of those discussions would be a breach to their confidentiality," said Blazey. Asked whether there was a deal between the two bodies for "no direct rugby contacts during 1982," Blazey said: "I'm neither confirming nor denying. That's all I can say at the present time."

He said there had been no invitations to New Zealand to send any players or teams to South Africa this year. "As far as I know the New Zealand Maoris will only visit Wales and Spain this year and not South Africa," Blazey also said there had been an invitation for the provincial side Waikato to tour South Africa in 1982.

Both sides were offered South African trips last year while the Springboks were in New Zealand. The Waikato invitation was made after anti-tour protests invaded the field at Hamilton and prevented the Waikato-Springbok match going ahead. The New Zealand Maoris drew their match with the South Africans, the closest the tourists came to a one-test loss in New Zealand.

Nassir strikes in time for Arabian Gulf

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 30 — Arabian Gulf could hardly rely on one of its stalwarts to come good on a lean day in the Eastern Province Cricket League.

And it was the turn of Nassir, who till now has basked under the glory of his teammates' performances, to add flavor to Arabian Gulf's victory with an all-round display in the First Division semifinals against Petromin at the Saulex Oval last Friday.

Nassir's display was timely for Arabian Gulf, who making the first use of the strip, were floundering at one stage. With the Petromin bowlers maintaining accuracy in line and length and getting support from his fielders, Arabian Gulf found difficulty in making progress. Its big-hitting frontliners fell while trying to hit themselves out of the constraint and for once it looked like that the Arabian Gulf would fall cheaply. And their eventual total of 187 was cheap by their standards.

With the tussle between the bat and the ball at its height, Arabian Gulf's Sajjad was at his stoical best. He mastered the tight bowling with caution, before flowering out. He pierced the well-set field with timed and directed strokes in his valuable 82. But Nassir's

innings of 27 outweighed Sajjad's magnificent knock. With Sajjad at full cry, Nassir held the other end with gritty defense and the pair shared an association of the 68-runs for the sixth-wicket. And an unbeaten 23 by Maqsood swelled the Arabian Gulf total to 187.

But the target was by no means a stiff one for Petromin, which in its earlier engagements had proved up to the challenge. But the cause of the debacle could be attributed to the fact that Petromin relied heavily on all-rounder Khalid Nahi, who has been in outstanding form throughout the season. But the burden proved a bit too much for Nahi as he also wilted under the pressure as his other colleagues did. But Khalid's performance was better than others as he proved to be the highest scorer with 25 and the top wicket-taker for his side with four for 42.

Nassir, whose fiery spell in the past had not produced much dividends, struck two vital blows for Arabian Gulf by taking two wickets in one over and then took two more for a final analysis of four for 29. Petromin scored 100, falling 87 runs short.

The other semifinals at the adjacent Abahsain ground, saw Arabian Eagles record a 48-run victory over the home side.

Zaman advances

LONDON, March 30 (R) — Fancied Qamar Zaman, of Pakistan, coasted to the second round of the British Open Squash Championship Tuesday with a 9-7, 9-2, 9-3 victory over Britain's G. Williams.

In other action Tuesday, Ahmed Safwat (Egypt) bested John Easter (Britain) 9-7, 9-4, 4-9, 9-2, Craig Blackwood (New Zealand) downed Australian B. Nance 9-0, 9-6, 9-6 and R. Hayes (New Zealand) beat England's Peter Verov 9-3, 9-3, 9-1.

Meanwhile, Jahangir Khan of Pakistan opened his campaign with a comfortable 9-4, 9-1, 9-4 win over Muhammad Ali of Egypt Monday. Jahangir, 18, unbeaten at any level since Australian Geoff Hunt defeated him in last year's final, is expected to romp through the 11-day tournament with the minimum of difficulty.

In fact, his task became easier when eight-time winner Geoff Hunt — beaten in straight games by Jahangir last Wednesday — withdrew because of back trouble. Jahangir will establish two landmarks if he takes the title.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Steve Kember was Mooday offered a three-year contract as Crystal Palace manager only days after it looked as if he was in line for dismissal. Kember has been caretaker manager at Selhurst Park for the past five months but when his future was discussed by the Palace board 10 days ago it was expected that he would go.

VENRAY, Netherlands, (AP) — The Dutch Grand Prix international motorcross turned into an all-Belgian affair Sunday as Mark Valsecchi and Erik Gehmers finished first and second respectively.

PORTSMOUTH, (AFP) — Ceramco, New Zealand reached Port here Tuesday, the second yacht to complete the Round The World Race after the Dutch yacht Flyer Monday. Skipped by New Zealand's Peter Blake, Ceramco finished her course in 121 days, trailing Flyer by about 17 hours.

LUCERNE, Switzerland (AP) — West Germany beat Switzerland 5-3 Tuesday, in

their second-round qualifying meet for the European Chess Championships for Teams.

HAVANA, (R) — Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba, three times Olympic heavyweight boxing champion, believes he is back on course to retain his World amateur title after being injured in a car crash a year ago. Stevenson, 30, the world's outstanding amateur boxer for the past 10 years, damaged his spine in an accident last spring and wore a plaster neck support until October when he resumed training.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Champion long distance runner Craig Virgin of the United States may have to undergo surgery for a kidney ailment, it was learned here Monday. The 26-year-old Virgin, who won the 1980 and 1981 World Cross Country Championships, must submit to a series of medical exams and possible surgery for a problem right kidney before resuming competition.



Alan Sunderland ... nets both for Arsenal.

Two-down Spurs rally to take point off Arsenal

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — Alan Sunderland and Chris Hughton were sent off and four others booked as Arsenal lost a two-goal lead and drew an explosive away clash against London rival Tottenham Monday night.

Sunderland and Hughton were given the marching orders seven minutes from time to the First Division League clash which ended 2-2. David O'Leary, Stewart Robson and John Hollins of Arsenal together with Mike Hazard of Spurs were cautioned.

Both Arsenal goals were scored by Alan Sunderland, the first in the 25th minute and the second two minutes before half time. Steve Archibald scored for Tottenham in the 64th minute to reduce the margin while Hughton restored parity with a 74th minute goal.

In a Second Division match, Queens Park Rangers scored a 2-0 victory over Sheffield Wednesday. Mike Flanagan and Simon Stainrod being the scorers.

World Cup Soccer

Fans will give Belgians a shot in the arm

BRUSSELS, Belgium March 30 (AP) — The Belgian team, which is enjoying unprecedented support at home, will kick off the World Soccer Cup against defending champion Argentina. The coach is confident his team can reach the second round, along with its first day opponent.

Belgian coach Guy Thys, who has a good knowledge of other teams in his group, is expected to use the same seasoned and coherent team that came close to winning the European Championships two years ago. Officials believe the new fan interest in the team will grow with the World Cup.

"Two years ago, at the European championship, we could not find supporters who would make the trip," a team official said. "Nobody gave the Belgian team a chance. We ended in the finals, surprising Europe and, above all, our own fans. The picture is completely different now."

Belgian soccer union president Leon Waners said: "For years the national team lacked support. Now, thanks to its results and enthusiasm, it's the darling of the country. This is giving the team a tremendous boost for the World Cup." Belgium won its qualifying group, ahead of France and Ireland. Its proudest achievement was to eliminate Holland, the traditional rivals and finalist in the last two World Cups.

Thys knows the group he has drawn for Madrid will be difficult. "Argentina, the defending World Cup winner, is of course the favorite in our group, but don't forget two teams qualify for the next round. Even if we are beaten by Argentina, we are very capable of beating Hungary and El Salvador."

"I think we have a 60 or 70 percent chance of placing second in our group. Hungary has good soccer technicians, but they lack pace and speed. It's no longer the frightening team it was years ago. It's a very good team, but it seems easily playable to me. As for El Sal-



Michel Renquin... reliable defender

vador, it enters the competition lacking training and spirit. But you must never underestimate an opponent. Soccer is not an exact sport. And the El Salvadorans have nothing to lose and everything to win.

The best players for Belgium: Jean-Mario Pfaff, 27, goalkeeper of SK Beveren, which has one of the best defenses in the Belgian league. Eric Gerets, 27, and Walter Meeuws, 30, both backs of Standard Liege, who combine perfectly. Meeuws will be under suspension, though, and will miss the opening game against Argentina.

Michel Renquin, 25, back, a former team-

mate of Gerets and Meeuws at Standard, now plays for Anderlecht. He was one of the stars of the last European Championship. Wilfried Van Moer, 37, half-back of Beveren, one of the senior Belgian players. He has been an inspiration to the team but there is a question about his mobility now.

Ludo Coeck, an attacking half-back of Anderlecht, combines well with another Anderlecht midfielder, Frank Vercauteren. Rene Veheyee, half-back of Lokeren. Rene Vander Eycken, a forward who plays for Genoa in Italy and playing a leading role in Belgium's success in the World Cup qualifications.

Erwin Van Deo Bergh, 23, forward of Lieke, was named the best player in Belgium last season. He is an ace marksman and is valued at more than one million U.S. dollars in the transfer market. Jan Ceulemans, 24, forward of FC Bruges, rated Belgium's best player two seasons ago. Alex Czerniatinsky, 24, forward of Antwerp, a newcomer to the national team and a rising star in the Belgian League. His two goals against France in the qualifying round sent Belgium to Spain.

Willy Geurts, 27, forward of Anderlecht, noted for scoring goals with his head. Frans Van Der Elst, forward, a former New York Cosmos player, now playing for West Ham in England.

Belgian fans hope Anderlecht forward Juan Lozano, an ace goalscorer and brilliant strategist, might play in the World Cup. But he is still a Spanish citizen and it is uncertain whether his Belgian naturalization will be completed in time.

The Belgians have a strong forward line with Van Deo Bergh and Czerniatinsky, the young stars, and the experienced Ceulemans and Geurts. Warm-up games are planned against Denmark in Copenhagen May 27 and Ajax of Amsterdam in Brussels June 2.

The Belgian team will train together at Brussels' Heysel Stadium from May 23.

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Jazz crash to 18th straight defeat

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah March 30 (AP) — Rich Kelley scored 23 points, hauled down 11 rebounds and blocked two shots as the Phoenix Suns shot 55 percent from the floor and rolled to a 113-102 victory over the hapless Utah Jazz in Monday night's only National Basketball Association game.

The Jazz, who haven't won a game since Feb. 23 in Washington, D.C. dropped their 18th straight, sinking to a dismal 19-53 in the Midwest Division cellar. But Utah coach Frank Layden, who has watched his club exit coach as they entered it, losing, had only praise for the conquering Suns. "They played good. They are well coached and we wish them luck."

Phoenix's victory gave the Suns a tie for third with Golden State in the Pacific Division. Suns coach John McLeod says it also acted as a good tuneup for what could be a shootout for an NBA playoff spot.

"We played more aggressively in the first half than we have been lately. We ran the ball well, we passed the ball and our defense was good. We did all the things you want to do well," he said. What didn't help the Jazz, along with the Suns hot shooting, were 22 turnovers and a less than stellar performance by Adrian Dantley, the NBA's third-leading scorer. Dantley hit only five of 16 shots and finished with 15 points. Phoenix also out-rebounded Utah 53-49.

The loss moved the Jazz closer to the league record mark of 20 consecutive defeats held by Philadelphia.

Delhi champions

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Delhi emerged as India's national cricket champions Monday, snatching a sensational two-wicket victory over Karnataka in the Ranji Trophy Tournament final. Delhi had beaten Bihar, while Karnataka had dethroned holders Bombay in the semifinals.



NARROW ESCAPE: Britain's Graeme MacGregor has a narrow escape as he crashes out of the 350 cc Argentine Motorcycle Grand Prix at Buenos Aires Sunday.

Run-rate enables Sri Lanka beat Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 30 (AP) — Sri Lanka won the second one-day cricket match against Pakistan Monday. Sri Lanka's victory squared the three-match series.

When umpires stopped play due to bad light Sri Lanka was 227 for four in 33 overs while chasing Pakistan's total of 239 for four made in the allotted 40 overs. The run-rate was decided on the basis of first 20 overs. In 20 overs Pakistan had made 95 for three while Sri Lanka scored 126 for two wickets.

Roy Dias masterminded Sri Lanka's success with a majestic innings of 81 in 59 balls and tore apart the Pakistan attack during his stay of 98 minutes at the crease. He was particularly rough on Tahir Naqash, Mudassar Nazar and Rashid Khan. In Tahir's third over both Dias and Sidath Wettimuny smashed 21 runs.

Voted as the 'man of the match,' Dias, the

century maker in the third Test, shared a second-wicket partnership of 77 in 67 minutes with Wettimuny, who contributed 32 with five fours before falling to a catch by Ashraf Ali behind the stumps off Mudassar Nazar.

In Durban, South Africa, the visiting English cricket rebels ended their eight-match tour of South Africa Monday with a draw.

The contest, shortened to three days of play because of rain Sunday, ended with South Africa at 143 for two wickets in their second innings. The English had scored 311 for eight declared in their first innings against South Africa's 181 for nine declared.

Captain Graham Gooch and 14 other English players were hauled from international play for three years following an uproar by opponents on South Africa's system of apartheid.

Gooch said after the match he would not have made the tour. "If I believed that in doing so I was in any way supporting apartheid."

"As an individual, I believe in freedom of choice and the right of professional cricketers to pursue their careers where they choose. I also believe that sport, and cricket, should be played on a non-racial basis," the 28-year-old Essex star added.

Keat's Bob Woolmer provided the highlight of the final day with a century for the English side, collecting nine fours and a six in his 100 in 209 minutes batting. Veteran Dennis Amis got his third-half-century. In all, the English drew three and lost four

games after an opening warm-up against an under-25 team.

Meanwhile, Barbados trounced Jamaica Monday by an innings and 95 runs and clinched the West Indies Regional Cricket Championship for the Shell Shield for the 10th time. Even though there is still another round of matches to go, Barbados cannot be caught now by any of the other five competing teams.

When this match began, Barbados had 37 points to Jamaica's 36 at the top of the standings. Barbados' victory earned them 16 points from their third victory in four matches while the outplayed Jamaicans got none. It was a disastrous day for Jamaica, which lost 17 wickets for 249 runs, losing with half hour to spare on the third day of the scheduled four day match.

The fiery Barbados fast bowling attack proved too much for the Jamaicans. They continued at their overnight first innings total of 121 for three in reply to Barbados' first innings 465, collapsed for 242 and then fell again for 128 in their second innings after being made to follow on.

Barbados' main attacker was Joel "big bird" Garner, the six-foot-eight West Indies Test player, who took wickets in the morning to finish with six for 74 in the first innings and then followed with three for 24 in the second innings.

He was well supported by Franklin Stephenson, Ezra Moseley and Sylvester Clarke, who shared the other wickets between them.

Samco forces three-way tie

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 30 — Samco scored a seven-wicket victory over Petromin last weekend and forced a three-way tie between Petromin, Pak Young and itself for the semifinal spots from pool "B" of the Al-Hutaim Cricket League.

And the man responsible for Samco's triumph at Baghdadia was Waseem. In an accurate and sustained spell Waseem literally ran through the Petromin backbone, making Petromin rue their decision of taking first strike. Waseem, who finished with a rich haul of seven for 23, found an able ally in Nadeem, who had figures of three for 30, as Petromin crashed to a paltry 64.

Petromin, however, did not give in without a fight. Samco were made to struggle for every run and they eventually crossed the target at the cost of three wickets. Fayaz and Faiz saw Samco through after Ishtiaq had claimed all three Samco wickets to fall.

In the second match at the Baghdadia ground, Transcontinental won an exciting low-scoring encounter with Abdullah Hashim XI by a three-wicket margin. Abdul-

lah Hashim batted first and were soon in trouble against Absar. Transcontinental were

able to shoot out their opponents for a meagre 64 largely due to the seven-wicket haul of Absar. The target set proved an easy one, but Transcontinental made heavy weather of their reply. They nearly paid dearly for their complacent attitude as their frontlines were sent back with just 14 runs on the board. The man who did the damage was Saudagar, whose final analysis read six for 35. But Jawaid and Absar took the bowling apart with some lusty hitting and steered Transcontinental past Abdullah Hashim.

Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC) recorded a fluent 47 run verdict over New Star at Cement wicket, in another match. Batting first, JCC rattled 139 on the strength of a fine 52 by Khalid and this tally proved enough as New Star could muster only 92 runs. Azhar (29) and double figure contributions from Azizullah (14), who had taken three for 39 in JCC's innings, and Ali Siddiqui (12) had blotted New Star's score. Aqeel and Javed Jr., claiming three wickets each, were successful for JCC.

Alkhorbar Tennis

Brandie, Aubrey snatch crown with upset victory

By Geoff Gardner

ALKHOBAR, March 30 — Three of four of last year's Flight One ladies doubles finalists played again in this year's finals of the 1982 Alkhorbar Tennis Tournament.

Different pairing and team coordination resulted in an upset as June Brandie and Pat Aubrey bested Diane Jackson and Cynthia Copeland 6-4, 6-1 Friday at the Northrop Al Khodari courts.

Brandie and Copeland lost last year in straight sets to Wendy Jones and Jackson, the women's singles champion this year and last. The favorites — in Friday's match were Jackson, who defeated Aubrey in this year's ladies singles final, and Copeland, who has been in the doubles finals for several years.

Yet the aggressive play of Brandie at the net and the power of her new partner made the difference in the match as the winners took a tough first set. Despite the lopsided score in the second set, most games went to deuce.

"Doubles is not the same game as singles," Aubrey said after the match. Jackson added, "In the match we never developed any kind of pattern. We got into the finals on a bye. We've never really been on court together."

Nonetheless, Brandie and Aubrey outplayed their opponents in every aspect of the game. Jackson and Copeland were kept back at the baseline effectively while the winners established net position and put away volleys. This generally negated Jackson's slices and spins and Copeland's drives.

Good play made the first set close. Brandie and Aubrey took a 4-1 lead then Jackson and Copeland took three of the next four games. At 5-4 Aubrey's accurate serve decided the set; all of her first serves were good. She won all five of her service games in the match with the —help of Brandie's fine net play.

The second set promised to be close after Copeland held serve for a 1-0 lead. After Aubrey evened the game score on her serve, Jackson and Copeland built a 40-0 lead in the third game before losing on Brandie's winner at the net. With the score 3-1, Jackson's and Copeland's game deteriorated into errors while their opponents played steadily. The match ended appropriately when the losers took a 30-0 lead but failed to hold it. Brandie's overhead at the net was the final point.

In other finals, Jen Prescott and Carol Durant-Lewis outlasted Jackie Faulkner and Jill Williams 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in Flight Two; Judy West and Jenny Rogers defeated Mary Lynch and Rosanna Peeling 6-4, 6-0 in Flight Three; and Hardaway and Swinson topped Perkins and Olesnyckij 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 in Flight Four.

The men's doubles finals, postponed earlier because of rain, will be played April 1 at the University of Petroleum and Minerals Recreation Center courts. Flight Two finals are set for 8:30 a.m. and Flight One finals for 11:00 a.m. Mixed doubles, the final event of the three months long tourney, begin this weekend at the UPM Recreation Center courts. Flight One finals are scheduled for 2:45 p.m., April 9.

Krishnan advances easily

NICE, March 30 (AFP) — Stylish Indian Ramesh Krishnan was an impressive first-round winner in the Nice Open men's tennis tournament here Monday, eliminating experienced Frenchman George Goven 6-0, 6-4.

Ramesh, the son of former Indian Davis Cup star Ramanathan Krishnan, won the first game very comfortably but had to exert himself a bit in the next.

In another match, Jose-Luis Damiani of Uruguay scored a fluent 6-2, 6-3 victory over Paul Torre of France. While Eric Fromm of the U.S. had to struggle to get the better of Chile's Pedro Rebolledo 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

In Zurich, Fourth seeded Victor Pecci of Paraguay pulled out of the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament without giving any reason. The organizers said that the one-time French Open finalist should be fined \$3,000 according to tournament rules.

On the court, Bill Scanlon of the U.S. survived a tough first set before beating Steady

Burner of Czechoslovakia 7-6, 6-3 in the first round. In other matches, Ron Stadler of Switzerland beat Ricardo Ycaza 6-1, 6-3, Shlomo Glickstein, the sixth seed, beat John Austin of U.S. 6-2, 6-3 and Nick Saviano beat Trey Walke 6-4, 4-6, 7-4. Italy's Gianni Oleppio had to sweat it out before beating Argentine Ricardo Cano 7-6, 6-4 for a second round berth.

Meanwhile, the cosmetics firm Avon has decided to end its sponsorship of the Women's Professional Winter Tennis Circuit beginning next year.

The decision to withdraw support, rumoured several weeks ago, was confirmed here after the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) announced it would shorten or possibly cancel the indoor circuit next season because of the high frequency of injuries and pullouts by top flight players. Sources said the tobacco firm Philip Morris might replace Avon as sponsors.



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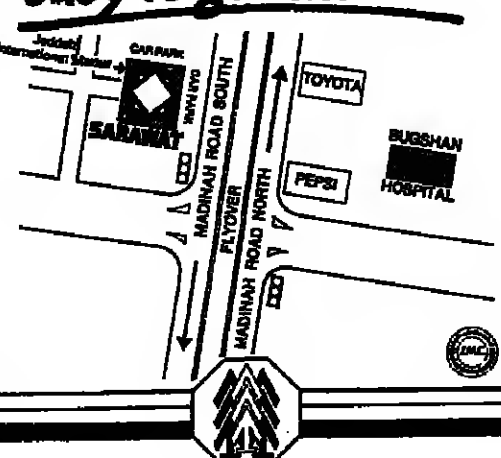
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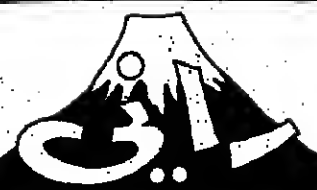
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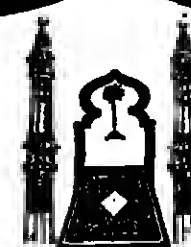
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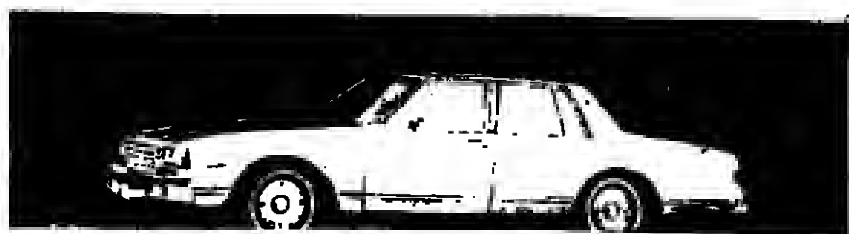
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Salvador rightists plan coalition rule

SAN SALVADOR, March 30 (AP) — Rightist parties that together won a majority in Salvadoran elections joined in inviting the moderate Christian Democrats to rule with them.

The agreement Monday among the five rightist parties appeared to leave junta President Jose Napoleon Duarte's chances of retaining power in the Salvadoran government, now dominated by his Christian Democrats and backed by the United States in its war against leftist guerrillas.

Army troops fought Monday to regain control of Usulután, the country's fourth largest city, where Sunday's voting was canceled because of combat. Traffic on the country's two main east-west highways remained interrupted by guerrilla barricades.

The 60-member Constituent Assembly elected Sunday will have the power to name a new president to replace the junta, write a new constitution and arrange for elections.

Christian Democrats, who led in the vote but fell short of a majority, greeted the union proposal with caution. Second in the voting was the ultra-right Republican Nationalist Alliance, or Areoa, of retired Maj. Roberto d'Aubuisson.

Julio Adolfo Rey Prendes, former mayor of San Salvador and the second only to Duarte in El Salvador's Christian Democratic Party, said any alliances or unity governments will have to be widely discussed.

"We will have to be very careful," he told the Associated Press in a brief interview at the elections center late Monday night. "At this moment Areoa is trying to make it look like it is final. Nothing is final in politics."

Although d'Aubuisson enthusiastically proclaimed that Areoa and the four other parties had agreed to a coalition, a director of his party and spokesman for the two other major rightist parties said there was no definite agreement.

The parties were not expected to take any final action until they know how many seats they have in the assembly. Because each of El Salvador's 14 provinces was assigned a number of seats, the national vote totals did

not necessarily reflect how many seats a party would have.

D'Aubuisson's statement came after a luncheon U.S. Ambassador Deane R. Hinton held for leaders of all six parties in an apparent effort to encourage cooperation among them against the guerrillas.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said the assembly should "hold out the hand of conciliation" to guerrillas who are willing to join in the democratic process. Leftists boycotted the elections. They were fighting to oust the U.S.-backed junta from power.

U.S. observers said Monday the elections were "fair and free" and joined in the meeting with party leaders at Hinton's home. Oscar Cerrato, an Arena director, said an agreement among the five parties "is not a definitive thing." But if a coalition is formed, he said, he expects it to name a junta of one civilian and two military members.

5 die in French train blast

LIMOGES, France, March 30 (R) — Police said Tuesday that Monday night's blast on a French express train which killed five persons and injured 28 was caused by a package of explosives on a luggage rack. But they said it was not clear whether it was a bomb attack or whether explosives being transported by terrorists had gone off accidentally.

The police said the package exploded as the Paris-Toulouse Express, with 300 persons aboard, sped at around 140 kms an hour toward Limoges. No one has claimed responsibility for the blast.

The explosion coincided with the expiry of an ultimatum issued to the French government by the international terrorist known as "Carlos" to release two members of his organization arrested in Paris in February. Interior Minister Gaston Defferre said at the weekend he was taking the threat from Carlos, nicknamed "The Jackal", very seriously.

The blast occurred about 20 kms from Limoges. The express stayed on the tracks but the explosion blew out the end of a coach, hurled two bodies clear and shattered win-

U.S. to move people in war

WASHINGTON, March 30 (APF) — President Ronald Reagan has approved a \$4,200 million plan to move up to two-thirds of the civilian population out of exposed areas in case of impending nuclear war, as federal emergency management agency spokesman said. The plan was elaborated by the agency — which is involved in the study of consequences of a nuclear war — on its theory that a nuclear war would begin as "a general exchange that would come out of a period of heightened international tension," rather than after a surprise attack, a spokesman said. If a nuclear war were deemed imminent, people living near 61 potential military targets and in 319 cities and towns with populations of more than 50,000 would be evacuated. Under the plan, the civilians would go to sparsely inhabited areas with radiation detectors and medical facilities. Each of the 50 states would be required to define the limits of each zone.

E. Germany to aid Poland

EAST BERLIN, March 30 (Agencies) — Poland and East Germany have agreed to build up industrial cooperation to fight Western sanctions against the Warsaw military regime and to overcome the mutual difficulties caused by Poland's economic troubles.

A communique issued simultaneously Tuesday in Warsaw and East Berlin after Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's visit here Monday for talks with East German leader Erich Honecker said long-term needs had to be assured. This referred particularly to fuel, raw materials, chemical products, machinery, electrical and electronic equipment and consumer goods, the joint communique said.

"The solution of the most urgent economic problems in both countries and the political sanctions applied by capitalist states required more efficient and planned use of the two states' industrial capabilities to mutual advantage," it said.

Since the imposition of martial law in Poland several Western countries, led by the United States, have imposed economic sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union. Poles regard East Germany as being a consumer's paradise with richly-stocked shops in comparison to Warsaw's queues and empty shelves.

The communique also condemned alleged U.S. interference in Polish affairs and claimed American economic sanctions against the martial law regime violated human rights. "The German Democratic Republic and the Peoples Republic of Poland decisively reject interference of the United States and NATO in the internal affairs of Poland," it said.

"The policy of threats and boycotts directed against Poland, the Soviet Union and other Socialist states is an extremely crude offense against human rights, it endangers international security and impairs the mutually advantageous relationship between states of different social systems," the communique added.

Meanwhile, the Warsaw Solidarity union chief Zbigniew Bujak, in hiding since martial law was imposed last December, has called for passive shows of "our strength, our presence and our unity" to keep the independent labor movement alive.

Germany begins missile sites work

BONN, March 30 (AP) — Work has begun on West German sites for U.S. Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles which NATO will deploy next year if the Soviet Union fails to remove SS-20 rockets from its Western European border, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

Details on the work remained confidential but government sources indicated it involved geological tests necessary to build bunkers and other elements of site "infrastructure."

News of the move came after Chancellor Helmut Schmidt publicly reinforced his determination to deploy the U.S.-built missiles if the Soviet Union does not dismantle its SS-20 rockets.

Schmidt frequently has expressed his personal concern over Soviet military might since the emergence last year of a vocal West German peace movement opposed to new U.S. and Soviet missiles in Europe.

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beyond the idea of integration on the level of trade relations. "What is needed now is to coordinate investments within the Arab world so that the industrial set-ups complement each other." In this way, the countries can take advantage of both specialization in production and trade exchange which is not being done at present due to overlapping in investment.

Two of the areas where overlapping in investment can be avoided to the benefit of the Arab nation are petrochemicals and agriculture and food security. Having made a specific study of investment in ethylene production, Ghannous said that in the next few years "planned capacity in Arab countries would be far in excess of what can be absorbed domestically and regionally. An estimated 2 million tons of ethylene would be available for export and major producers of this material in U.S. and Europe, facing an oversupply situation, will not be able to absorb the Arab surplus."

Even if the Arab countries address themselves to Latin American, African and Asian markets, given their low income levels and low rates of growth, all the ethylene produced cannot be absorbed.

In agriculture and food security it is clear, the investment expert said, that Arab countries complement each other — some are food producers while others are consumers. A strategy could be evolved to make investment in food production so that those with developed agricultural resources can take advantage of others who have the purchasing power.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

I think I have raised this subject before, but new information is always worth mentioning. People in our countries are always complaining about the wasteful and unreasonable behavior of our bureaucrats, and we have made it our business to pour oil over troubled waters by pointing out instances of bureaucratic obnoxiousness in other parts of the world, especially in the 'developed world' where the scale of follies is correspondingly higher.

In the United States — where else — there appears still to be so much money to throw around that it's a full-time job of some officials to devise ways of spending it.

One of these ways was decried up by the mental health authorities, and it involved spending \$75,000 on a study on why and how pedestrians smile in the streets. Another institute had the small sum of \$2,500 to burn and it did this by throwing

it on a study of the causes of the prevalence of bad manners among the tennis players! The postal authorities rose to this challenge heroically, spending \$3.4 million on an advertising blitz to make people write more letters. They then looked into the kitty again and found there was \$775,000 left, so it promptly blew it on a study of why the hitler failed.

The police authorities then thought it was time to act, and they immediately spent \$2 million on the perfect police car. The car was great in every respect, except one. Every time a policeman entered it, its doors jammed and he had to be prized out with a can opener.

Which was the cue for the more modestly endowed educational authorities to chip in with \$219,000 on a project to teach university students the best way to watch television (that is their story anyway, and they are sticking to it...).

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awlat

16 killed in Brazil jail revolt

SAO PAULO, Brazil, March 30 (R) — Fresh trouble broke out Tuesday at a Sao Paulo prison where 16 persons were killed in a revolt Monday, but police quickly brought the situation under control, a police commander said. Two brief gun battles between prisoners and heavily armed police ended with no casualties and no hostages taken, he told reporters. He gave no further details.

Earlier a police spokesman reported that two hostages had been seized by the prisoners. Police sources said the shooting broke out in wing 8 of the prison in central Sao Paulo, but was brought under control with smoke bombs.

Hundreds of police armed with rifles and submachine guns rushed to the building for the second day running. A few minutes later the shooting broke out again in wing 2, scene of Monday's revolt, in which 13 prisoners and three prison officers were killed.

Monday's revolt broke out when six jailed bank robbers crossed a low-security wing and burst in on a lunch party given by prison governor Luis Camargo Wolfmann, the police said. The six, armed with knives and pistols, seized the governor and other prison officers and demanded a getaway car, eyewitnesses said. Other prisoners killed two penitentiary officials.

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